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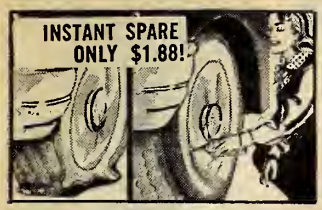

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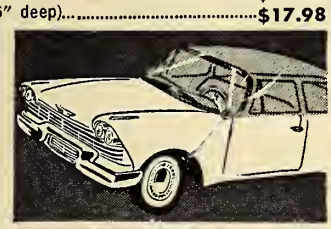

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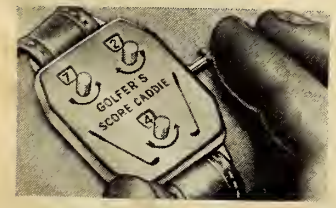

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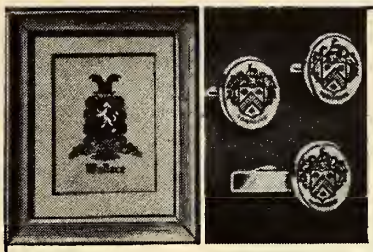

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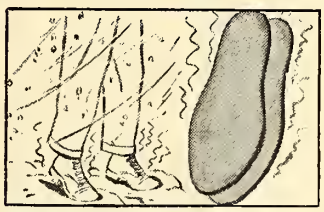

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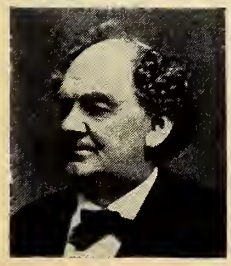

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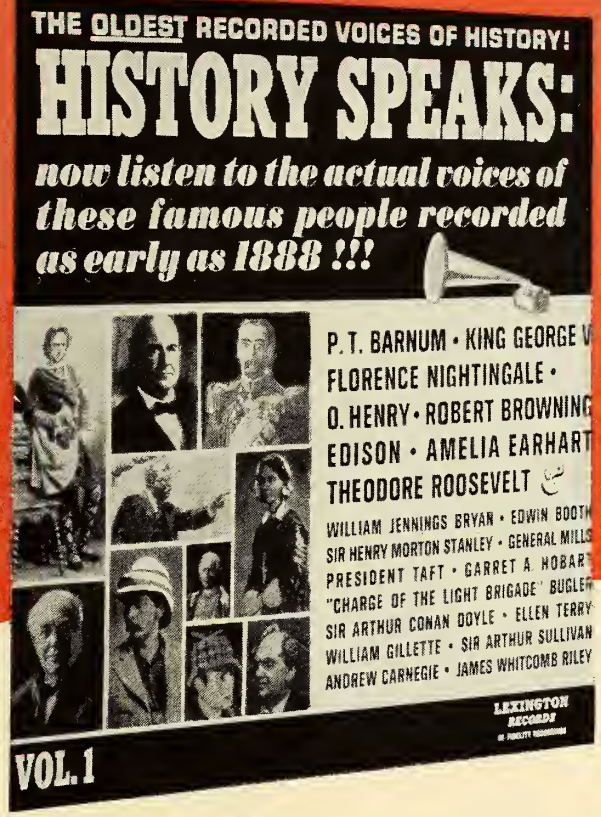

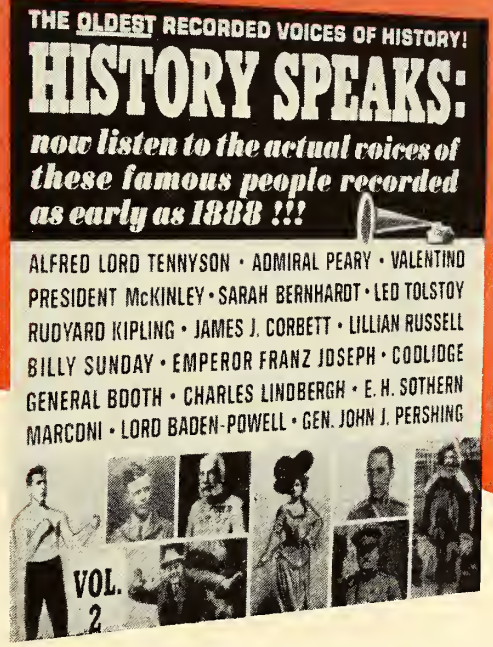

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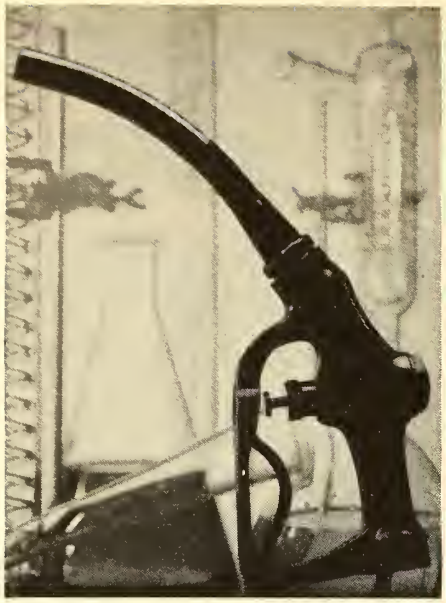

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HOLIDAY THOUGHT

THANKSGIVING DAY will be observed shortly after you get this copy of *The American Legion Magazine*, and therefore a little message may be in order. The following, inserted in the *Congressional Record* by Hon. Walter H. Moeller of Ohio on May 14, 1959, asked the question: "How Much Aid Did the Pilgrims Get?" then gave this answer:

"They were in a depressed area. No one guaranteed them high prices for anything. Their only roads and schools were built by themselves. For security they did their own saving, or starved.

"All they had was character. All they did was work. All they wanted was self-respect.

"The sum of these three traits became America.

"But what's going to be the sum of the traits you see today – the traits of character, or, rather, lack of it, that demand more money for less work, put security above self-respect, pamper self-pitying criminals instead of punishing them, give away resources we desperately need to protect ourselves, listen to weaklings that want Government to take care of them when they should take care of themselves.

"Long years of early-American self-respect and hard work built America, but the traits you see today can destroy it, in half the time."

L-O-Y-A-L-T-Y

HERBERT L. MATTHEWS, the "Cuban expert" of *The New York Times*, has written a book. In it, he attempts to explain why he thought so highly of Cuba's Castro (see "I Got My Job Through *The New York Times*" in this magazine for March 1961) and is still not entirely disillusioned with the man who poses the greatest communist threat to this hemisphere.

Trying to understand what makes a Herbert Matthews tick is pretty difficult, and trying to figure out why a paper like *The New York Times* featured such blatant pro-Castro propaganda is a bit more so. However, in his tome Matthews provides an assist on both counts. After a reference to "the ignorant, the crackpots, the knaves, the reactionaries," this paragon of journalists states:

"I consider it almost an honor to be attacked by the Eastland-Dodd Committee, by writers like the columnist George Sokolsky, and William Buckley of the *National Review*, by publications such as *The American Legion Magazine* and the Brooklyn *Tablet*. If such people did not attack me, I would feel there was something wrong with my work."

Who in the world said there was anything wrong with Matthews' work? He did a highly professional and extremely effective job–but unfortunately it was a job that helped to put Castro in power. *The New York Times* deserves a large share of the credit, for featuring so prominently Matthews' words of wisdom concerning the progressive element represented by the Fidelistas. Matthews explains *The Times*' contribution:

"I was an editor . . . except when I was away from New York or having my days off, I have written all the editorials in *The New York Times* on Cuba. If *The Times* had not trusted me to do them . . . I would not still be on *The Times*. But, then *The Times* would not be the great institution that it remains if it did not show loyalty to its staff, as it always does."

We are touched to learn of the great loyalty of *The Times* to its staff, but the results in this case would indicate that *The Times* owes a loyalty to the United States and to its readers that ought to transcend its loyalty to the likes of Herbert L. Matthews.

BLACK COUNTRY

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO Robert M. Hutchins, the ex-Boy Wonder President of the University of Chicago, now Boss Man of the Fund for the Republic, threw a dinner in honor of Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black.

Most after-dinner speeches are not worth reporting to a large audience, but we think you will be interested in some of the remarks made by Hutchins on this occasion. Describing the kind of country we would have if Justice Black's opinions were the law, Hutchins said:

"No test oaths of any sort would be permitted . . . The House Un-American Activities Committee would be regarded as an un-American activity. Neither subway conductors nor applicants for admission to the bar would be declared unreliable because they refused to answer questions about membership in the Communist Party."

Hutchins then said: "We ought to make up our minds whether we like the Black country. I like it."

In view of the operations of Hutchins' Fund for the Republic, that last remark was most superfluous. And, like so many of Justice Black's opinions, it was definitely a minority voice. Not many Americans nowadays are partial to "the Black country" where the climate is so salubrious for Reds.

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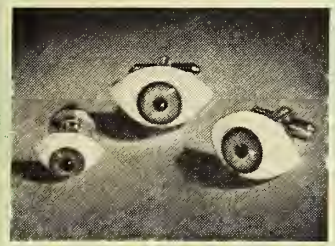

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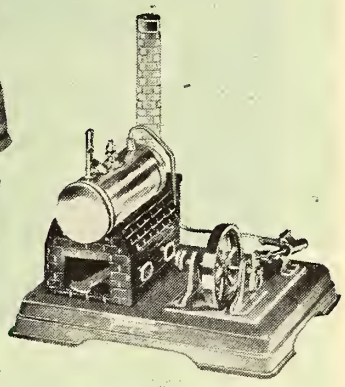

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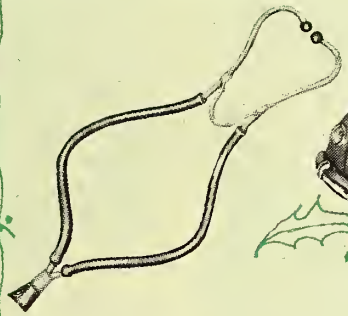

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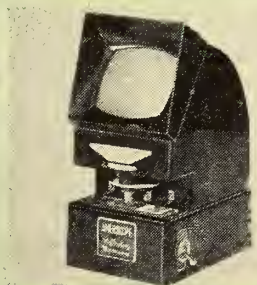

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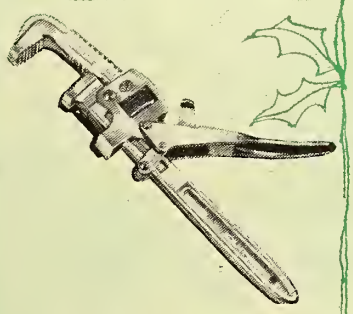

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UNITED NATIONS

Sir: Congratulations on the article by Emilio S. Iglesias in the October issue entitled "Another Look at the U.N." The United Nations is not an organization dedicated to peace. If it were, Russia and the other communist bloc nations would not be permitted entry.

George W. Forquer
Asheville, Ohio

Sir: I think every member of the Legion should read "Another Look at the U.N." I am going to pass my copy of the October issue along to a friend, with instructions to pass it on to others.

Hugh C. Amidon
Elyria, Ohio

Sir: The article attacking the U.N. is best answered by referring to the opening address to the American Bar Association by President Whitney North Seymour this past August. President Seymour called for strengthening the U.N. and declared there was every reason to believe most of the emerging new nations of the world will recognize their own self-interest lies on the side of freedom rather than communism.

Seymour Bluhm
Plymouth, Mass.

Sir: "Another Look at the U.N." by Emilio S. Iglesias is the best article against communism and the blundering and incompetence of the United Nations I have ever read. I am disgusted with the present trends of that organization. I wish our great, powerful, Christian country would wake up and stop being pushed around by bullies and pipsqueaks.

Fletcher Hodges, M.D.
Indianapolis, Ind.

K-PLAN

Sir: There are people who are mouthing the slogan, "I'd rather be Red than dead." How do they know they will have a choice? If the communists took over this country from within, they would set up execution centers across this continent that would make Buchenwald look like a boys' summer camp. Over one-third of the population would go into the gas chambers. We can only guess by what whim of some petty Russian official you would be selected to be sent to the liquidation centers, or be "saved" for the slave labor camps. This is how Khrushchev plans to bury you. When you see pictures of the brutal nazi execution camps for liquidation of other races and dissenters, just remember that anything horrible the nazis have done, the Russians can do better.

Jack Hunter
Santa Monica, Calif.

CHEAP

Sir: Millions of Americans who would blow their tops if a merchant overcharged them 10 cents, won't invest four cents on a stamp and letter to the White House protesting the way the money that comes out of their hard earned wages goes down the drain, through bad administration of our foreign aid program.

Ralph J. Salvati
Middletown, N. Y.

SUGGESTION

Sir: Throughout these United States, Post Office buildings display a plaque in a conspicuous location in the lobby honoring the President and Postmaster General during whose term in office such buildings were dedicated. In my opinion, similar plaques of less expensive material should be installed in all Post Offices, giving the full name and address of our current members of Congress in each respective district. This would serve as a reminder to those wanting to write to the people who represent them in Washington.

Paul V. Smith
Clearwater, Fla.

IN UNIFORM

Sir: Congratulations to National Commander Charles L. Bacon. I noticed in the morning paper that he was wearing his uniform when accepting the honors of his new post. This type of leadership may show the way back to Legionnaires in uniform. The practice in recent years of wearing only the cap needs revision.

John K. Gibler
Captain, Infantry
Fort Monroe, Va.

FURIOUS, FRUSTRATED

Sir: I am enclosing a clipping from our local newspaper telling of the muzzling of Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker. Events of this type make me so furious and frustrated I can't talk. It chokes me with bitter gall to think that I wasted five years in the Army, three years of that overseas to protect such lily-livered people as seem to be running this country. These same people seem to be so concerned with guaranteeing equal rights to everyone that they will end up cutting all our throats with a communist knife.

William R. Clark
San Diego, Calif.

MORE MUZZLING

Sir: As this letter is being written, Maj. Arch Roberts, the author of the Pro-Blue Program for the 24th Infantry Division, is being "Walkerized." That is, he is being transferred from the New York City branch of the Office of the Chief of Information, where, presumably, he could be in contact with Pro-Blue elements, and he is being sent to a Medical Unit at Fort Lee, Va. The muzzling of anti-communist military personnel must be stopped. Secretary of the Army Elvis Stahr must be advised, in the strongest terms, that political revanchism has no place in the Defense Department! Everywhere patriotism should be commended and not downgraded, but particularly should this be true in the armed forces.

John B. Coman
New York, N. Y.

SONG YONG CHO

Sir: I have just read the very inspiring article about Song Yong Cho, now known as Richard Douglas Cho, in the October issue. Although I am a regular contributor to Father Flanagan's Boys Town, I sent an additional sum because of the wonderful work Boys Town did with this boy and hundreds of others. Also as a tribute to the courage of the boy himself. Last, but surely far from least, in appreciation of the wonderful things done by Sergeant Harold Douglas and those other great GI's who helped the kid.

Name Withheld
Hempstead, N. Y.

Sir: In your October issue there is an article entitled "Song Yong Cho and the Sergeant." Since this young man is now in our employ, we would like to have one dozen additional copies of this issue for distribution among his friends and associates.

S. Jedel
I. J. Cohen & Co., Inc.
Kansas City, Mo.

NOT YET ON TV

Sir: The picture in the upper right-hand corner of page 21 of the article "What's Ahead in TV" in the September issue is not from a television western. It is a scene from the movie "The Big Country," with Burl Ives and Charles Bickford, which has not yet been released to TV. However Mr. Grady gets his point across and I agree with him.

William D. Hobbs
Paris, Ark.

A BETTER WAY

Sir: In the "Rod & Gun Club" for September, one of the contributors said that, when boating, you should

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PRESENTING BOTH SIDES OF BIG ISSUES FACING THE NATION

THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT: Should Supreme Court Appointees Have Five Years' Experience On The Bench?

(PRO) In recent years the stability of the law has been seriously impaired, due in no small part to the lack of judicial experience among the appointees to the Supreme Court. Experience in fields related to the law, broadening though it may be, cannot qualify a person for the far-reaching considerations and judgments required of this powerful body.

Of the nine present members of the Supreme Court only three have had judicial experience worthy of mention prior to their membership in the nation's highest tribunal, and in only one case was this prior experience more than five years.

It is mandatory that Congress eliminate an outstanding deficiency in our governmental system by enacting statutory qualifications on which eligibility for appointment to the Supreme Court would be contingent. I urge that these qualifications include at least five years' experience as a judge in a Federal appeals or district court or of any court of a State having appellate or general jurisdiction. (A prospective Chief Justice could count years served as an Associate Supreme Court Justice, as well.)

It has been well said, "A government is no better than the hands that administer it." No matter how well conceived is a form of government, it will either be ineffective, or tyrannical, or both, should its administration fall into the hands of inept or unqualified persons.

Our forefathers properly deemed it impractical to fill Federal judicial offices by popular election. Thus any criteria for eligibility exists, if it all, in the recesses of the minds of the Presidents who appoint, and of the members of the Senate who confirm, these high offices.

The primary purpose for the institution of government is the establishment and maintenance of equitable order in society, and, were it not for the essentiality of order in society, men would be foolish to subject their liberty to the potential threat of despotic perversion of the institution of government.

Such a threat easily arises when men with great power are just beginning to learn their jobs.

Strom Thurmond

Strom Thurmond (D)
U.S. Senator from South Carolina

(CON) It would be unfortunate for our nation if the selection of Supreme Court Justices by the President were restricted beyond its present compass.

In over 170 years, what have we learned about the qualities that make a good Supreme Court Justice? The qualities include a profound understanding of the law and a lofty mind, a broad area of information and experience, a feeling for the great affairs of state and mankind, a deep regard for our national heritage and its constitutional development, and the erudition to expound these ideas.

A limitation on the President's choice would exclude from consideration groups from which some of the greatest judges have been chosen—professors of law, such as Justices Story, Stone and Frankfurter; members of Congress, such as Justice Black and Chief Justice John Marshall, the giant of the Court's history; State Governors, such as Chief Justices Warren and Hughes; and able practicing attorneys, such as Justices Brandeis and Harlan. Of the 92 named to the Court, 34 had no prior judicial experience, and 15 had less than five years' experience on the bench. Yet these men often brought the Court far more of the type of experience which made them distinguished members.

Judges say that the bench often deprives a judge of the competitive experience of the law. Nor is a judge in many courts concerned as often with the broad constitutional and juridical questions upon which the Supreme Court is required to act. The proposed requirement of five years experience on the bench does not define the nature of the court, which may be more concerned with lesser civil or criminal cases than major legal issues.

Our nation deserves to have the best possible men and women on the Supreme Court, and the President must, I believe, have the right to choose those who will best serve our people and our nation in these problems of the highest honor and responsibility.

Jacob K. Javits

Jacob K. Javits (R)
U.S. Senator from New York

Silent Night

FRANZ GRUBER
(1787 - 1863)

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

Round yon Vir - gin Moth-er and Child! Ho - ly In-fant so ten-der and mild,
Glo - ries stream_from heav-en a - far, Heav'n-ly hosts_sing Al- le - lu - ia;
Ra-diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav-en - ly peace.___ Sleep_ in heav-en - ly peace
Christ, the Sav - iour is born!___ Christ, the Sav-iour, is born.
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth!___ Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS

Information that can help you with everyday problems.

Uncle Sam is going to give you a number again—for tax purposes. It will be your Social Security number, if you have one; if not, you'll get a special set of figures.

The idea, of course, is to make it easier for computers to keep tab on your account. But more than that: **Your number also will be used to identify income payments to you**—salary, dividends, interest, etc.—so that your entire taxable life can be recorded in the government's electronic diaries.

Meantime, there will be **one less federal income tax form** to choose from next year. Form 1040 W—a two-pager designed for those whose affairs are relatively simple—will be dropped. That leaves only Form 1040 A (the card-type) and Form 1040 (the so-called "long form," which is being simplified a good bit).

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Fire losses have been roaring along at an uncomfortably high rate this year, so extra caution during the holidays is a better idea than ever. Here are two aids you or your family may want to enlist:

• The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has a guide for **making household fabrics flame resistant** by application of a few standard chemicals (borax, diammonium phosphate, ammonium sulfate, household ammonia). It's USDA leaflet No. 454 (Supt. of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.; 5 cents).

• The National Board of Fire Underwriters has a new, free kit for clubs (one to a club) giving **plans for a holiday fire safety program.** It's called "Tree Trimming with a Twist" and may be obtained from the Board's Information Office at 85 John St., New York City 38; or 222 W. Adams St., Chicago 6; or 465 California St., San Francisco 4.

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Amid the mounting agitation for fall-out shelters, these key points may help you keep your thinking on the main line:

1. "Fall-out" means the radioactive debris scattered by a bomb plus the wind. In fact, **it's because of wind currents that fall-out shelters are being advocated on a nationwide scale,** not just in target areas.

2. Radiation is measured in units called "roentgens." Up to 200 won't bother you much. From 200-600 spell trouble; over 600 bring sure death. **So you should know the "protective factor" of your shelter.** For example, if it has a factor of 250, it will cut a dose of 5,000 roentgens (lethal) to 20 (harmless).

3. While radiation dissipates—or "decays"—rapidly, **a stay of two days to two weeks in a shelter is likely.** That's why it has to be fitted out so carefully.

4. Efficacy of the better-known protective materials ranks in this order: **lead, steel, concrete, earth, water.** You can, of course, use combinations.

5. Do not confuse a fall-out shelter, which basically is a radiation-protector, with structures intended to shield against actual blast. The latter are in an entirely different category—one too big for most individuals.

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Notes of the month:

HUNTERS: California is getting tough on fellows who have lost their licenses because of death or injury to humans or domestic animals through simple negligence; to get his license back, the applicant must prove financial responsibility to the tune of $25,000.

SOCIAL SECURITY: Remember that your rates will rise to 3⅛% beginning Jan. 1 (both for employer and employee) and 4.7% if you are self-employed. Further hikes will occur in 1963, 1966, and 1968.

TOOTHBRUSHES: General Electric is getting into the dental health market with an electric toothbrush that runs off batteries and sells for $19.95 (with enough brushes for a family of four). That makes two big names in this business (Squibb is the other).

HANDY POWER: Last month this magazine carried an article entitled "Portable Power," telling of power tools run by tiny gasoline engines or powerful batteries. The Skil Corporation has now announced a complete line of such battery-powered tools. Included are grass shear, hedge trimmer, auto polisher, drill, jig saw, and sander.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

CHARLES L. BACON

NATIONAL COMMANDER, THE AMERICAN LEGION, 1961-62

BACON, Charles Langston: Att'y; Nat'l Cmdr, American Legion. b. Marshall, Mo., 10/14/09. s. Chas. B. & Nettie F. Bacon, AB Mo. Valley Coll., 1930. LLB Univ. Mo. Law Schl, 1934. m. Helen Selvidge, 12/41. chldrn: Mrs. Sharon Rule, Chas. L. Bacon, Jr., Law practice: Columbia, Mo., 1933-34; Marshall, Mo., 1934-42; 1946-52. Chf counsel mktng div. Skelly Oil Co., 1952-56. Ptnr, law frm Sebree, Shook, Hardy & Ottman, Kan. C., Mo., 1956 to date. Naval commnctns & legl duties WW2, Los Ang. Amphib Commd; Camp Peary, Va., CB base; 5th Navl Dist, Norfk, Va. Lt (jg) USNR 1942, seprtd LCdr USNR 1946. Jnd Am. Leg. *Post 191,* Marshall, Mo., 1946. 2 v.c. 1946. 1 v.c. 1947. Adjt. 1951. Am. Leg. *Dept. Missouri:* Ortrcl Chmn 1947; Dept. Jdg Advct 1948; Dept Sr. v.c. & memb chmn 1949. Dept Cmdr 1950. *Nat'l Am. Leg.:* memb Nat'l Security Commn 1951-61. Elct Nat'l Cmdr 1961-62, 43rd Nat'l Cnvtn, Denver, Colo. 9/14/61. Also memb. Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Phi; Mo. Bar Assn; Amerc. Bar Assn; Chamb. Comm.; Masons; Bd. Deacons, Presbyt. Chrch; Bd. Trustees, Mo. Valley Coll.

The NATIONAL COMMANDER

OF THE

American Legion

1961-1962

Charles L. Bacon, Kansas City attorney,

is Missouri's first national Legion chief.

By ROBERT B. PITKIN

CHARLES L. BACON, a partner in the Kansas City, Mo., law firm of Sebree, Shook, Hardy and Ottman and a 51-year-old WW2 Navy veteran, was named National Commander of The American Legion for 1961-62 shortly after noon on Thursday, Sept. 14, 1961. Bacon was unopposed, and was elected to office by acclamation by the 2,997 delegates to The American Legion's 43rd National Convention, in the Denver Auditorium, Denver, Colorado.

There is someone within easy reach of virtually every reader of these words who has first-hand knowledge of Commander Bacon's personal attributes.

In the month following his election the new Commander made himself personally known to local leaders of the Legion from coast to coast.

He traveled more than 30,000 miles and held a series of 22 regional conferences that were available to every District or County American Legion Commander in continental United States.

His purpose: to implement his pledge to "work at the business of The American Legion" and to form a unified leadership team during the first month of his year in office.

By setting a killing pace, East, West, North and South he concluded the final conference at Aberdeen, S. Dak., on Oct. 19, just in time to get to Nat'l Hq. in Indianapolis on Oct. 22 for the regular fall meetings of state and national Legion officials and committees.

In his wake, Commander Bacon left at least one witness in virtually every county of the United States to testify that, among other things the Legion's new national leader is (1) able; (2) instantly likeable; (3) sincerely dedicated to the fundamental principles of The American Legion and American citizenship; (4) endowed with a high order of organizational ability and basic good sense; and (5) possessed of a personal manner that is frank, friendly and reassuring.

It was in the cards that the thousands of Legionnaires who have met with Commander Bacon personally would find that Missouri's first National Commander would be such a man.

Several years ago the Missouri American Legion appointed a committee to recommend which Missouri Legionnaire, out of nearly 70,000, would be the most likely to receive the backing of the rest of the Legion if Missouri should offer him as a candidate for National Commander.

With plenty of talent available, the committee had its neck way out when it took on such a job, and farther out when it would come up with a final prospect.

It was careful to suggest a Missourian with the pleasing qualities that Legionnaires everywhere have found in its ultimate choice—Charles L. Bacon.

Bacon was born on the 14th of October, 1909, in Marshall, Missouri, the site of Missouri Valley College – where he got his AB degree in 1930. He is the son of the late Charles Benjamin Bacon (1871-1930), a native of Bourbon, Mo., who moved to Marshall to go to the college there and remained.

His father, says the Commander, never had much money but was "rich in friends." The elder Bacon was in the real estate and insurance business in Marshall, was a deputy sheriff and served as Postmaster for eight years during the Wilson Administration. In his late forties during WWI, the Commander's father was one of the home-front leaders in Marshall during that war and was chairman of the Saline County Red Cross.

Commander Bacon's mother, Mrs. Nettie F. Bacon, a native of Louisiana, Mo., in Pike County, passed away last summer at the age of 86, in Pico-Rivera, California.

Commander Bacon was an outstanding student in the Marshall Public Schools, graduating from Marshall High School in 1926 at the age of 16.

Bacon's parents were neither rich nor poor. They could not indulge their son, but provided him a good home. Besides being an excellent student, he was self reliant, had a capacity for work, and quickly developed talents that gave him both pleasure and income as a boy.

Bacon played the drums in his high school and college bands, and in an orchestra for nine years while in high school, college and law school, as a source of income. He had, and has, a good voice, was a soloist in his college glee club and sang in the Presbyterian Church choir.

During summer vacations while in school he worked delivering ice.

At Missouri Valley College he tried out for the basketball and track teams, ended up with a broken leg when he crashed into the bleachers in a basketball game during his sophomore year. Bacon and some of his classmates founded the Tharsus Club on the college campus. They hoped it would become the local chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity—and it did.

Bacon graduated from college with top honors in 1930. The death of his father that year and the onset of the

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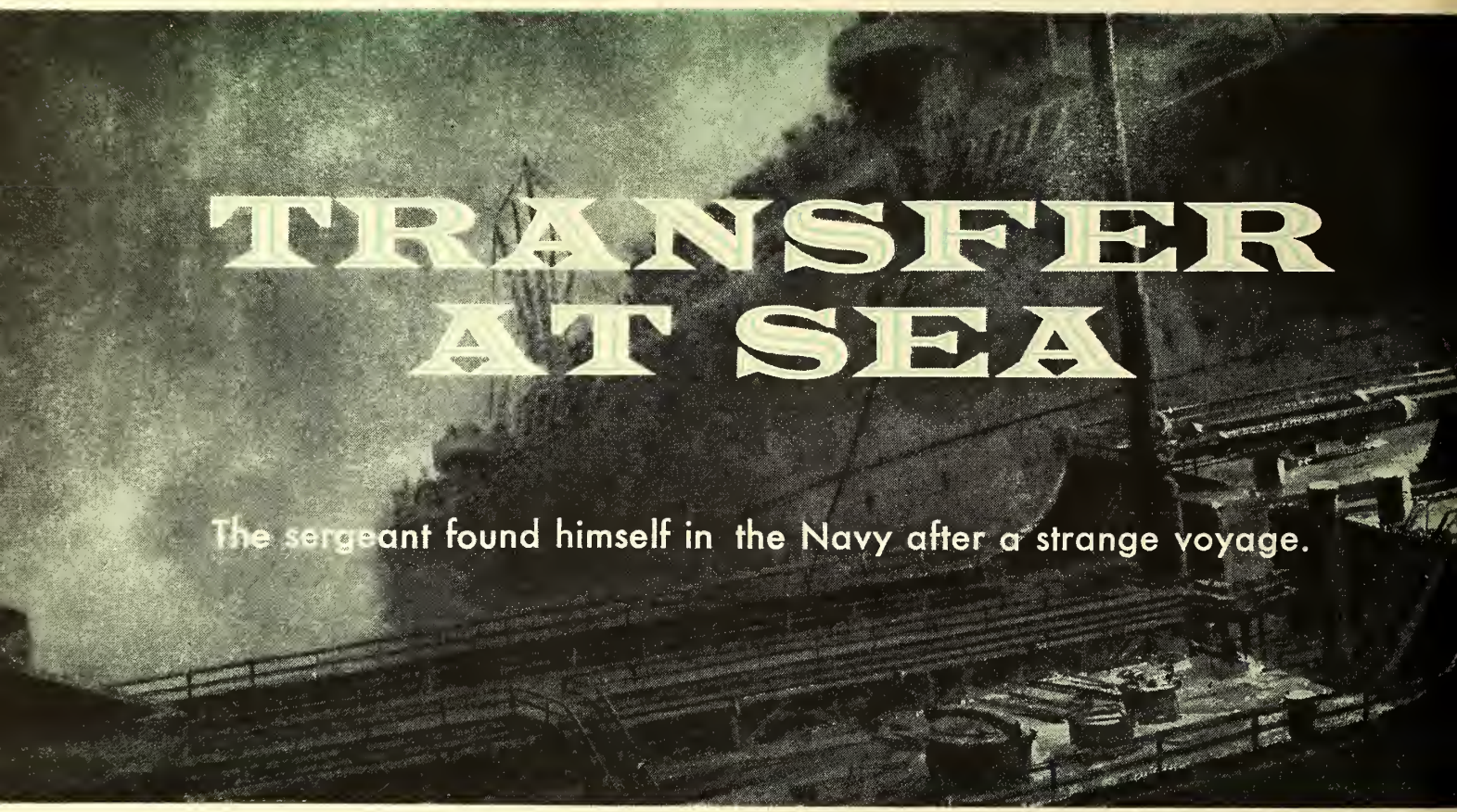
By WALTER B. STEVENS

TRANSFER AT SEA

The sergeant found himself in the Navy after a strange voyage.



The off-course tanker had rammed a huge hole, 70 by 30 feet, in the starboard side of our vessel.

IT WAS A STARLESS, moonless night in the mid-Atlantic. On Feb. 12, 1943, ocean-going vessels carrying Africa-bound, U. S. Army troops weren't using any artificial lights as they moved through waters that might hide submarines. Four days earlier, our convoy had steamed out of New York harbor. We were bound—but we didn't find out until we were at sea—for North Africa to join Allied troops in action against the Germans there.

I had just finished a four-hour tour of duty as officer of the guard. As a first lieutenant in a field artillery unit, my job was checking on men from our battery who were stationed at various guard posts on the huge transport. It was still quite a task for a landlubber like me to find his way up and down stairways and through narrow, curving passageways of the ship, so I was happy to end my night of guard duty when midnight came.

Back in my cabin, I started to take off my shoes. Just then a terrific jar tossed me off my bunk, onto the floor. There was a loud, crunching noise. Like 5,000 other men aboard, I was sure IT had happened—we must have been hit by a torpedo from a German sub! In the blackness of the night as we stood guard, this was a constant fear; in sleep, it was often a nightmare.

Sirens shrieked; the "all hands on deck" signals were given. In all stages of dress and undress, clutching our "Mae West" life preservers, we scrambled out of bunks and came topside in a hurry. Our artillery battery, like all other units on the transport, had been assigned lifeboat stations to take, in the event of emergencies. We went immediately to those stations. I joined the other Battery C (77th Field Artillery Regiment) officers, and hurriedly we checked our men. Only one non-commissioned officer was missing. He was a young Oklahoman, Sgt. Cecil Davis, who had checked into sickbay two days earlier.

Seconds after we had checked our roster, the announcement came over the ship's PA system from the ship's captain: There had been no torpedo, no German submarine, but there was danger. One of the tankers in our convoy had veered off course and rammed into the starboard side of our vessel. A huge hole, some 70 by 30 feet in size, was ripped into the side of our ship. Damage was great enough to cause our captain to consider seriously an "abandon ship" order. Lifeboats were put in readiness for launching. Only the providential calmness of the night permitted us to stay on the crippled ship.

As we shivered in the darkness of the winter night, we learned more details. The tanker, having something awry in its steering mechanism, had wandered off its assigned path and hit our transport. The point of impact was just below hospital quarters, or sickbay, of our ship. There were about 20 patients in sickbay at the time, we learned.

Immediately, the same thought came to all of us in our battery: We had lost our first man in WW 2! There was little hope that Sgt. Davis and the others in the hospital area could be saved. Deep gloom settled over all of us.

You get to know quite a bit about a man when you read his letters to his wife and parents. I had been our unit mail censor since our overseas orders had been cut back in the States several weeks earlier. I knew from his letters that Davis was a devoted husband and father and apparently a dutiful and loving son. I knew, too, of his intense desire to return to his family and a normal way of life. I thought about those letters and the people to whom they were addressed, and I said a silent prayer for Davis.

Our ship, limping badly from its body blow, dropped out of the convoy to prevent all the other vessels from becoming sitting ducks for enemy subs. Two destroyers also left the convoy to serve as protection for us. Fortunately, our troopship personnel included a group of Seabees who immediately began making repairs to the hull of the ship to keep it afloat. Our course was changed, and we

headed for the nearest friendly port, the island of Bermuda.

After two hours on deck, we were ordered back to our sleeping quarters. All of us knew that the danger was far from gone. What little sleep we got was fitful.

Dawn found most of us back on the main deck, anxious to see for ourselves just what had happened and to learn how badly our ship was damaged. As I came on deck, I noticed an exchange of semaphore messages between a Navy signalman on our transport and his opposite number on the tanker that had rammed into us. The rapidly moving flags spelled out words I couldn't read, but I did hear the man on our transport mutter, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle! What do you know about that!"

I figured it was time for the Army to learn some Navy secrets. I walked up to the signalman and inquired: "What's the word from the tanker that has you so excited?"

He answered my question with one of his own. "Well, Lieutenant, did you ever hear of a man dropping from one ship to another in mid-ocean?"

I hadn't, and I wasn't ready for riddles. "What do you mean?"

"Just this, sir," he replied. "This gob on the tanker just told me they have an Army sergeant on board. Name's Davis —Sgt. Cecil Davis. Says he's from one of the artillery regiments on our transport. This is hard to believe, but he's supposed to have dropped from his bunk in sickbay onto the deck of the tanker after we got hit last night."

So we hadn't lost a man after all! I rushed below to spread the word.

Davis himself — he had become "Lucky" Davis then, and for the next three years we spent on European battlefields—filled in the details later. He rejoined us after our transport and her destroyer escorts had moved in snail-like fashion to Bermuda, three days after the ocean accident.

ILLUSTRATED BY DOM LUPO

"Sailor, hell!" Davis told the ship's doctor. "I'm a soldier."

Davis showed up then wreathed in smiles and some borrowed sailor togs.

"The first thing I remember that night was picking myself up from a wet, slippery deck and wondering how I got there," he told us.

"Another guy was near me (apparently another GI who had been in sickbay). He got up, slipped, and started stumbling. He grabbed for support but couldn't reach anything to hang onto. I saw him lose his balance and fall overboard."

Apparently soon after that had happened, a tanker crewman showed up, Davis continued.

"Hey what are you doing up here?" he yelled at Davis. "Where are you supposed to be anyway?"

Davis couldn't answer that. Last thing he recalled was lying in a sickbay bed. He'd been treated for an ear infection shortly after our ship left New York. Now here he was, shivering in shorts and undershirt, on a cold, wet deck!

He was brought into the tanker's hospital area, where a ship's doctor bent over to examine him and asked: "Well, what hit you, Sailor?"

"Sailor, hell!" Davis responded. "I'm a soldier."

"Take it easy, fellow," the doctor advised. "You must have gotten a bad jolt, but you'll be all right. There are no soldiers on this tanker."

"Tanker!" Davis was getting more and more confused. "I'm on a transport. Tell me, am I nuts?"

Davis shook his head, and the "dog tags" around his neck clanked against each other and cleared up the mystery. The Navy doctor examined them, then exclaimed:

"What the devil! You *are* a soldier, aren't you?"

Davis was relieved. "In the best outfit in the Army," he boasted.

It was the doctor's turn to be puzzled. "But where the deuce did you come from?" he asked. "Our crew hasn't reported picking anyone up after the crash, and we carry no soldiers on this tanker."

That was the first inkling Davis had of the crash. When the tanker rammed into the transport, hitting the spot just below sickbay area, most of the men in that area were washed overboard and drowned. Davis and his companion, however, fell from their bunks onto the deck of the tanker. They passed from sleep into unconsciousness when they struck the deck of the tanker. Soon afterward, Davis regained consciousness on the slippery deck and met the astonished crewman who took him below.

"I've fallen out of bed before, but always stayed in the same room when I did," Davis observed ruefully. THE END

TOJO
JAPAN'S MAN OF WAR

By RALPH R. TAGGS

Nicknamed "The Razor," Hideki Tojo, as War Minister and Premier, led his country to destruction through his hatred of the United States and the West.

A MONUMENT TO SEVEN "MARTYRS" stands on the summit of Mt. Mitsune in Mikawa Ban National Park, in Aichi Prefecture, Central Japan. It faces in the direction of the United States — eastward.

This monument to Tojo and six other Japanese war criminals was unveiled on Aug. 15, 1960. It is called the *Seven Martyrs Monument* and was built at a cost of 44,500 dollars; the inscription reads: "These martyrs were executed by an *ex post facto* law after the nation was compelled to surrender when the U. S. used atomic bombs and the Soviet Union violated its nonaggression pact. Let us cast our eyes in the direction of the Pacific and probe who was responsible for the war."

Etsuro Hayashi, spokesman at the elaborate ceremony, stated: "It was the United States who started the war and I will provide material and evidence to anyone who challenges my assertion that America was responsible for initiating the Pacific conflict."

The writer, who served in the military arm before and during WW2 and had access to developmental reports of a restricted nature, and whose detached unit was based in the Philippines until October of 1941, has gathered interesting data on the Japanese military, political, and industrial factions. It was strange that, beyond this data, so little was known about the land, its peoples, cultures, and aim in history. In 1936, Mr. Tojo made himself known to the military and diplomatic world; otherwise, all was hidden behind a veil of oriental secrecy.

Tojo, center, joins in a toast to the new Axis pact at this 1940 Tokyo meeting.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull on his way to the White House with Saburo Kurusu, Japan's special emissary. This was three weeks before Pearl Harbor.

(I)

Beyond a vague readiness to associate Japan with cherry blossoms, fans, Fuji, buck teeth, earthquakes, ancestor worship, silkworms, cultured pearls, and a peculiarly arduous form of suicide (hari-kiri), most U. S. citizens knew very little about Japan before Dec. 7, 1941. From that date until after the war, knowledge of this mysterious empire receded even farther. Aside from a few elementary essays purporting to analyze the Japanese mind, the subject of Japan's past had been more or less taboo in the press. With all direct news and photo-

In 1941 the Emperor called on Tojo to form a new cabinet.

On Sept. 11, 1945, he attempted suicide.

Hideki Tojo's answer was "not guilty." →

DECEMBER 7, 1941

Twenty years ago Americans came to know, the hard way, about Gen. Hideki Tojo, the man most responsible for Pearl Harbor and for other defeats and humiliations suffered by the United States. But even today few Americans know much about this Japanese warlord.

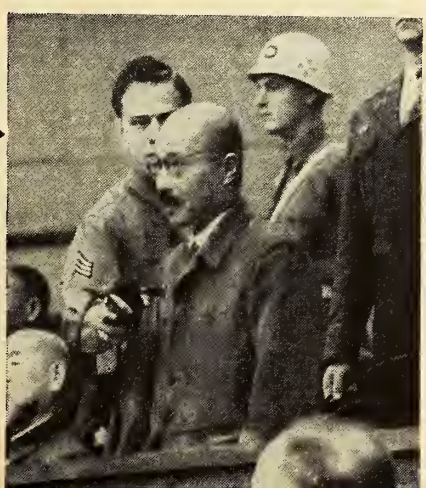
graphic material stopped by the war, Japan was revealed only by its painfully ubiquitous armies.

The American reading public at least knew as much as it needed to know about Hitler and Mussolini. Only a minute proportion of it knew, before the war, the name of the man who not only ran Japan's share of the Axis war effort but who can be considered chiefly responsible for its existence. He was Premier, War Minister, Home Minister, and Gen. Hideki "Kamisori" Tojo, who now has the dubious distinction of being with his honorable ancestors.

Prince Konoye

After Pearl Harbor, he reached the U. S. only as a sort of disembodied voice, raucous, hostile, but scarcely identifiable with the particular bug face from which it emanated. On Mar. 15, 1942, the harsh and strident voice of Premier Tojo made itself heard more noticeably than ever before. In a boastful address to the Diet—Japan's puppet parliament—which was broadcast from Tokyo and recorded for future reference in the U. S., Japan's fierce little war lord gave an account of the Japanese victories up to that date.

Up to March 10, Tojo announced Jap armies destroyed 1,600 planes on the ground and captured 210,000 prisoners, 20,000 tanks, trucks and armored cars, 2,100 pieces of artillery, 110,000 small arms, 28,000 railroad and motor cars, not including the captures made on the Burma front. Tojo topped this off by asking Australia to "rectify her attitude," advising India to beware of British "trickery" and warning China that promises of Allied aid were likely to prove hollow. Tojo's Adm. Shimada, the Navy Minister, to round out the picture, gave out Allied naval losses as seven battleships, three carriers, 12 cruisers, 22 destroyers, 44 submarines, 42 other warships, and 680,000 tons of merchant shipping.



In addressing himself to his congress, Tojo did not, of course, confine himself to the truth. However, even if he had stuck to the facts, the itemized account of the war so far would show (and did) that the United States and England were deeply in the red. Tojo was certainly entitled to a major share of the responsibility for this state of affairs. Furthermore, if he didn't invent the Pearl Harbor plot, he gets credit for perfecting it between Oct. 17, 1941, when he became Premier, and the day when it materialized. When Hitler was stalled in Russia and Mussolini on the skids, Tojo qualified as the most competent and dangerous enemy to the United Nations then currently at large.

Tojo's position in Japan was comparable to that of Hitler in Germany. As War Minister and Premier, he had a practical monopoly on direct access to the semi-divine Emperor at any time and was thus enabled to formulate national policies from within the palace, free from interference by his Cabinet colleagues.

Admiral Yamamoto

As Home Minister, he bossed the omnipotent secret police, a job which Hitler delegated to Heinrich Himmler, but one for which Tojo's aptitudes and experience had especially suited him. As Premier, Tojo, coordinated national policies and national defense. The powers inherent in these positions added up to a total of far more authority than any one man had held in Japan since the country had emerged from feudalism.

Unlike his comparatively peaceful predecessor, the hypochondriac Prince Konoye, Tojo, whose nickname was *Kamisori* ("Razor"), had had few contacts with foreigners, except Germans with whom he got along amicably. Americans stationed in Japan found his manner disagreeable and his English unintelligible, had little to say about Tojo before he announced to the Sun Goddess his appointment to his new job on the Sunday after he received it. Tojo up to this time had been merely one of the several alarmingly truculent leaders of the highly jingoistic Jap war clique.

Before his appointment, Japan had spent four years trying to bring the "China episode" to a successful conclusion. Germany's military successes in

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TV: Are you watching it more

Study of a man getting a message.

Laboratory scene showing secret ingredients being compounded for TV commercials.

By W. F. MIKSCH

REMEMBER WHEN they used to call television our "window on the world"? Well, by now I'm about ready to pull down the shade. Some of those commercials have all but spoiled the view.

Through the magic of the TV "window" which dominates our living room, I have been made a hostile witness to such domestic tragedies as stubborn bathtub rings, dog tracks on the clean linoleum, and ice cream dribbled over auto seat covers. I have watched automatic washers choked by suds to the point where I am ready to do a little choking myself.

My reluctant eyes have been forced to spy on people who can't breathe and on people who can't stop coughing, on insomniacs thrashing about in bed, and even on small babies screaming complaints from bassinets because their diapers chafe. Night after night, I gloomily watch the break-up of the same teen-age romance because someone forgot to gargle. It is a world I'd rather not be a part of, but if I'm going to stick around to find out whether the rustlers get caught, I haven't much choice.

Much of my disenchantment stems from the fact that all television commercials seem to have been recorded at somewhere around 150 decibels—the point on the sound scale topped only by flat-hatting jet planes. Then when these commercials go on the air, studio engineers thoughtfully boost station transmitting power just to make doubly sure that I don't miss a single word. Maybe they're right in doing it though; at least it keeps me from hearing the neighbors pound on my walls.

But the foregoing are relatively minor irritants compared with my biggest gripe about TV advertising: That is the way it keeps me personally under attack and in a state of constant confusion. I squirm uneasily at demonstrations purporting to prove that the inside of my head is the result of a merger between the local Power & Light Company and the Village Blacksmith's forge. Like a backward child, I am admonished repeatedly to "Brush, brush, brush after meals!" Then as I obediently set out after my toothbrush, I suddenly realize it won't make any difference because the announcer is shouting that "Glazola brightens the teeth because only Glazola contains ONO-98!" And I don't stock Glazola.

Thus I'm caught up in the unnerving wonderland of implausible anatomy lessons, miracle ingredients which would have baffled Pasteur, and a sort of idiot repetition of everything I'd have preferred not hearing even once. It is these three areas that deserve special study and they're going to get it—right after station identification.

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TV's Rule of Three

Judging by television commercials, the secret of friendly persuasion is to repeat just about everything three times. "Don't let romance, fade, fade, fade," they tell us, or, if it already has—faded, faded, faded, that is—well then, better "Put life, life, life back in your hair."

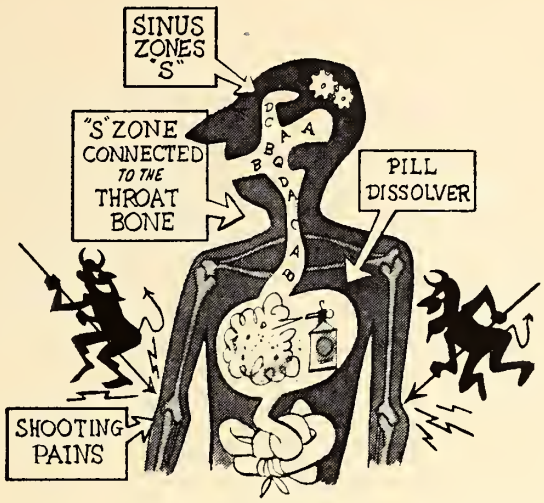
I'm not saying they're wrong. Indeed the TV copywriters may be onto something "good, good, good," to quote another of their triads. It's just that I'm a little sick, sick, sick of hearing everything in triplicate.

One thing certain—and I'm practically bending over backwards to be fair, fair, fair—is that practitioners of TV's Rule of Three are on somewhat firm ground with plenty of precedent in other fields than advertising.

Take, for example, the commercial

and enjoying it less?

Many people agree that TV might have a bright future, but right now it's a waste of time.



Gray's Anatomy was never like this, but here is *Homo sapiens* as he keeps turning up on TV screens.

which says, "Controls the drip, drip, drip of stomach acid." Too hard a sell? No harder really than Cole Porter gave his "Night And Day" with that throbbing line, "Like the beat, beat, beat of the tom-tom." Just one "beat" wouldn't have been enough, and Porter knew it, so he put in three. But how he managed to restrain himself from adding another "tom" to "tom-tom" is more than I can see. Will power, power, power, I suppose.

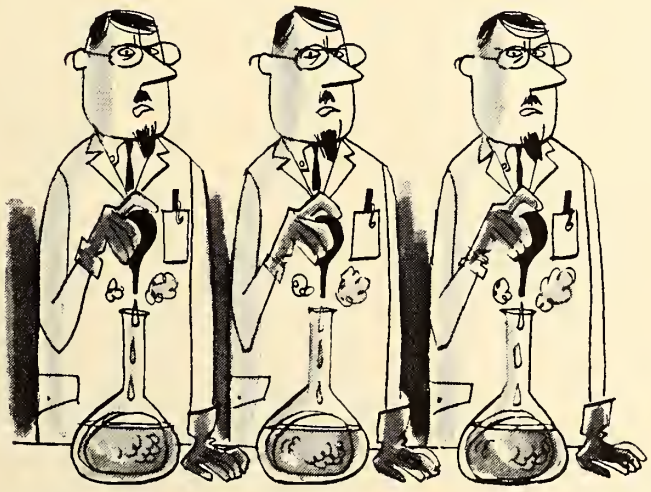
Studio scene showing why your eardrums ache when the man starts telling why you must buy his brand.

Down through the ages, superstitious man has attributed potent magic to the numeral three; incantations and curses, for maximum results, were ever repeated thrice. Whoever worked out the Morse Code distress signal (Dot-dot-dot. Dash-dash-dash. Dot-dot-dot) obviously was convinced that when it comes to getting attention, nothing succeeds like triple-iteration. "Break, break, break," wrote Alfred, Lord Tennyson and got to be Poet Laureate of England. For that matter, would a dance rhythm called simply "Cha" ever have become as popular as the "Cha cha cha"?

Well, well, well. There seems to be no end of precedent. So maybe I'm just being picayune when I object to some TV announcer telling me to get "clean, clean, clean." But I can't help it. I like to think I only have to be told a thing once. If I am told oftener, then it becomes nagging, and "tension, tension, tension" mounts up.

Many a football game has been ruined for me by the cheerleaders who, like TV admen, also seem to be firm believers in the Rule of Three. Just when I am trying to follow the play from my seat high in the stadium, these noisy extroverts pick up their megaphones and break into my concentration with a big "Team, team, team!" or "Fight, fight, fight!" One quick "Fight!" might not distract me much, but by the time it is bellowed threefold, the play usually has been run off and the only way I ever find out who carried the ball is to pester the chap next to me with a "Who? Who? Who?"

It is my personal belief that when cheerleaders leave college they become TV commercial announcers, or—if their lungs have given out—then copywriters. But if it isn't cheerleading or superstition which has influenced television advertising on the Rule of Three, then it must be that some Madison Avenue study in *(Continued on page 39)*



TV's rule of three deals with repetition. Here three scientists demonstrate how repetition penetrates the human brain.

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

IN ANCIENT TIMES, the general stood before the walls of the city to whieh he was laying siege and shouted imprecations. In effeet, he said: "I'll get you and your father and your brother. I shall make prostitutes of your mothers and wives. I shall bury you."

And sometimes he did. But when a people were eonquered, it was because they were so rotten with sophistication and eowardiee that they eould be pushed over as a dead bireh ean be pushed over.

The Roman Empire was never conquered by the so-ealled barbarians. There was no longer a Roman Empire; it died and its soul was rotting. Who survived the downfall of this mightiest state? It was not a eonqueror but a people who believed in their ideals and in a faith. Rome did not fall to the barbarians, as we are so often told, but by the deeay of the spirit, by the intrusion of oriental religions. It was Judaism as preaehed by Paul that developed into Christianity and substituted an organized life for the nihilism whieh deeay produced.

It is impossible for a people to survive emptiness of spirit. Materialism provides immediate satisfaetions, but it is always followed by disillusion. What is another automobile or another refrigerator worth if there is no happiness in the homc? What is the advantage of modern improvements and inventions if parents and children are so distant from eaeh other that there is no understanding whatsoever? This produees a disorderly soeiety, but worst of all is the cowardiee of publie officials who eease to be leaders of their people but live in fear of pressure groups and personal antagonisms. Even more damaging to a soeiety is the public official who is so desirous of holding office that he sacrifiees the state to his private fears. This undoubtedly was the eause of the downfall of the French Bourbons, who not only aehieved an apex of immorality but were terrorized by their own people.

When Napoleon appeared, Franee no longer lived in an atmosphere of cowardice. Here was a man who took his eountry at its lowest moment and by sheer bravery and patriotism made it the first nation of the world. We are witnessing a similar speetaele today in the eourage of de Gaulle, who, since 1939, has been France's spiritual bastion, fearing nothing, building endlessly *la gloire*, the glory of France.

II

This we must say about the communists: they are not eowards. Between 1903 and 1917, they risked their lives for their cause. Many of the early eommunists in Russia eame of well-to-do families. They might have lived eomfortable bourgeois lives, studying in foreign universities, inheriting family positions. They ehose to risk their lives for the Revolution. In a word, they lived for what they believed to be right and were prepared to aeeept imprisonment, exile, death. Lenin came of a well-to-do family, but lived in exile and poverty most of his life beeause he believed. Trotsky eame of a wealthy family, but he took no advantage of his opportunities. When I first met him in New York, a five dollar bill was big money to him.

These men and their assoeiates were not afraid. They devoutly believed in the cause they advoeated and throughout their days risked their lives. They asked no personal returns, and, if Khrushehev today lives in a royal palaee, it is not likely to mean more than that he aeeepts what is available.

The sueeess of the eommunists in Soviet Russia is due to three eauses:

1. They believed firmly and uncompromisingly in a way of life designed by Marx and amplified by Lenin. To these ideals they have been faithful, and those who deviated have been killed.

2. They lived daringly and eourageously. It is possible to differ with a group

Our national security has been jeopardized by selfish actions.

and yet recognize the self-diseipline that goes into a life of adherenee to a eause. It is impossible for a eommunist to be a eoward, although he might be a traitor. His consent is not asked when it is demanded of him that he risk his life. We ridieuled Stalin beeause he had been a bank robber; but then he risked his life as a bank robber not for private gain but to provide funds for the cause in whieh he believed. His oecupation had not been bank-robbing but studying for the priesthood. No one eould have eharged him with private ambition beeause he belonged to one of the smallest politieal parties in Russia—a poor and insignificant party whieh showed no ehanee of success. But for it men did whatever

Wretches who hold this view are not representative of the American people.

they were ealled upon to do, and the greatest saerifiees were made when there seemed the least ehanee of suecess.

III

Amerieans are not eowards. The history of this eountry is the tale of eourageous men and women who dared to eross the sea to find for themselves a home where they eould worship God aeeording to their ehoiee and belief. Most of the early eolonies were religiously organized. Pilgrim and Puritan, Quaker and Moravian, Roman Catholie and Jew settled here in the 17th and 18th eenturies to worship God in freedom.

In the years that followed, the deseendants of the early immigrants and their successors crossed uneharted mountains and rivers, the plain—the heart of a eontinent—through alkali desert and over high mountains, in wagon-trains and on foot. They faeed enemies—the unknown Indian, the beasts of the forests, the diseases of eamps, the heat of prairies, the ehill of winter blizzards.

These people knew no eowardiee. They walked with God and built the greatest nation on earth. They asked no favors, sought no benefits, but gave what they had of heart and sinew. The last words of the Deelaration of Independenee bespeak the eharaeter of these men:

"And for the support of this Deelaration, with a firm relianee on the Proteetion of Divine Providenee, we mutually pledge to eaeh other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our saered Honor."

Most of the leaders of the Ameriean Revolution made enormous saerifiees. George Washington was a man of wealth, closely assoeiated with the ad-

Have We the COURAGE *to* SURVIVE?

Khrushchev and some of our own political leaders are convinced that the American people are cowards.

vantages of aristocracy. He might have become a king but even rejected a third term as President. John Hancock, whose signature looms so bold on the Declaration of Independence, was a man of wealth and position. Benjamin Franklin had achieved world renown as a philosopher and scientist. But when these men and their associates faced the necessity of building "a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are . . . equal" in the presence of God and the law, they risked their lives willingly. There were cowards in those days; many of them fled before the storm of battle. There were traitors in those days, men like Benedict Arnold, but our history despised them. We think rather of such a person as Nathan Hale who regretted that he had only one life to give for his country and that he gave.

Cowardice is not limited to the lowly. As a nation grows opulent and the people grow fat and selfish, cowardice becomes the disease of prosperity. Karl Marx told the workers on the barricades of Europe that they had nothing to lose but their chains. Conversely, the rich and powerful, the economic and political leaders of our times fear that they have nothing to gain by service to their country, by sacrifice for their country. We have an example of smallness of the human soul in the committee of bankers and business men who advocate soft money, the abolition of the protection of our currency by a gold base. Each person who advocated the destruction of sound money knew that he was sending his country into bankruptcy, but then they could argue of the private benefits that would accrue.

Similarly, it must be said that from 1933 to 1961, the United States has been building an enemy because its officials live in terror of the consequences of war. Our officials spend billions of dol-

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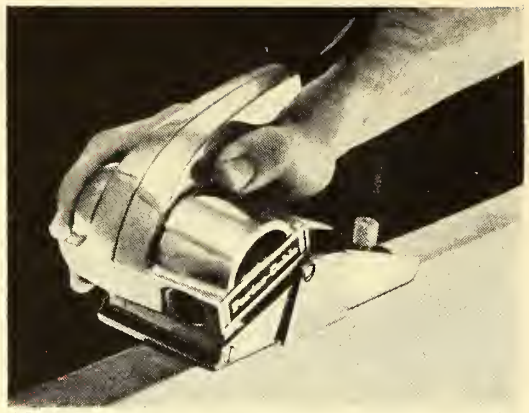
Our politicians forget this picture of another America as they attempt to coddle us.



The handyman of the house will go for this new portable electric tool, a Power Plane just introduced by Porter-Cable. It weighs 4½ pounds and can handle dressed stock up to 2 inches, including doors. The price, $54.50.

This model plane is unusual in that it packs a punch, firing rockets from under its wings. The Bell Airacobra P-39 model, priced at $9.98, and made by AMF Wen-Mac, is controlled from the ground and comes all ready to fly.

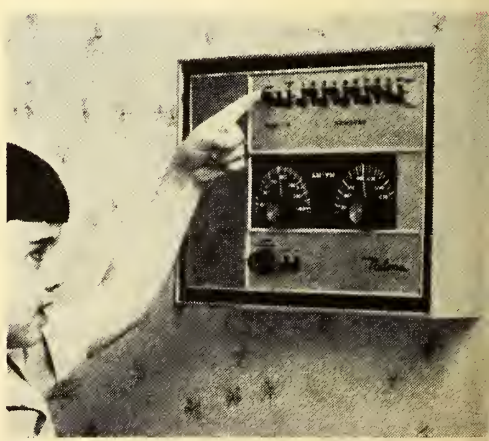
Lights and sound are utilized in this Swing-Chronizer, engineered by Burgess Battery Co., to improve your golf game. Attached to the club shaft, its audio-visual signaling system is activated by the force of the swing to tell if the practice swing is correct. Price, $12.50.

Christmas Gifts

that can mean a pleasanter 1962

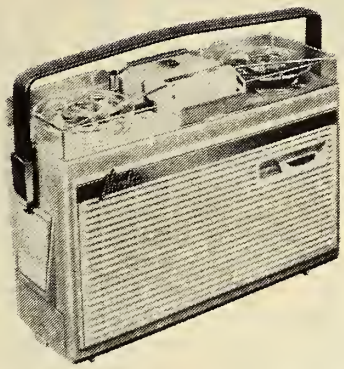
Carving is a pleasure with this self-powered electric knife which operates with small batteries that give the blade a rapid back-and-forth movement. The Kent Kordless Electra Nife with an 8-inch forged blade retails for $12.95.

This compact citizens band radio transceiver employs 9 transistors to give a range up to 5 miles. Available from Lafayette Radio, this new Model HE29A costs $39.95.



A sound center for your home, the NuTone AM/FM Radio-Intercom puts music and messages where you want them. Basic unit is $151.50, remote speakers are from $7.50 up.

◀ A white Christmas will be more enjoyable if Santa leaves a Power Snowhound to clear walks and driveways. Capable of throwing more than a ton of snow in two minutes, this Toro unit is driven by a lift-off Power Handle. Price of the complete unit, Snowhound and Power Handle, is $199.90.

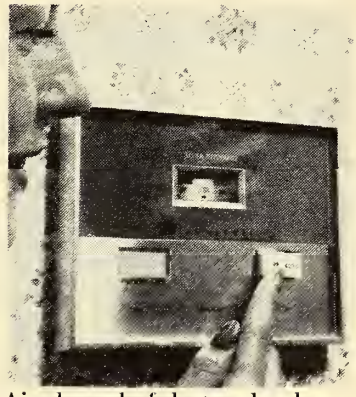


The Norelco Continental 100 provides hi-fi quality tape recording though it weighs only 8 pounds. Transistorized it runs on flashlight batteries. Price $129.50.

You can keep within the law with this Radar-Gard, an electronic device that signals when you approach a speed zone with radar. The price is $39.95.

FROM ALL INDICATIONS, Santa's helpers are now gnomes with advanced degrees in all the sciences. The most interesting new gifts for the man of the manor, the lady of the house, the kids, or the house itself, are the items that do things by means of applied power. This year, emphasis is on electronics, and the stores are full of gifts that do amazing things by means of transistors and tiny batteries. All these gifts are designed to give you not just a Merry Christmas but a happy and leisurely New Year. THE END

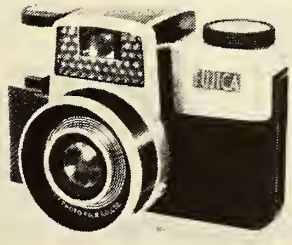
Skil's All-Purpose Recipro Saw cuts any material, from light plastic to steel, and even saws 6-inch logs. At the same time it can handle delicate scroll work. The price including blades is $49.95.



Air cleaned of dust and pollen is provided by a new electronic system offered by Minneapolis Honeywell, and controlled by this panel. Priced at about $350-$400.

Resembling a TV set, this Argus slide projector employs a rear projection system and may be run by remote control. Price is under $400.

For the man who wants to go places cheaply, this Mini-Scrambler scooterette may be the answer. With a 2-hp. motor it costs $139.95, and will travel at 25-30 mph.



The lowest-priced fully automatic electric eye camera ever made is this Fujica Magic Eye 120, just announced. It will sell for less than $20.

FOOD *is a Weapon*

Our impulse is to feed even our enemies. This tells what happens when we do.

By HENRY C. WOLFE

PEOPLE ARE DYING of starvation in Red China. Here in the United States our granaries are bursting with surplus grain. Let's do the humane thing and send some of that surplus grain to the suffering Chinese.

Such is the tenor of impassioned letters to influential American newspapers. Committees are springing up in this country and abroad to promote the idea of American food for Red China. Some religious groups—and even members of the Senate—have taken up the cry.

Now food for the starving is an appeal that tugs hard at American heartstrings. The quality of our mercy has never been strained. But, in its own subtle way, the appeal serves the communist cause. To the Red propaganda machine, it's a natural, zealously promulgated by fellow travellers, assorted do-gooders, and well-intentioned people who don't realize that they are aiding the enemy. And aiding the enemy is just what they're doing, since the Reds use the food theme for two main objectives: (1) to push us into feeding the militant Chinese communists, and (2) to make

The Russian famine of 1921-23 resulted in cannibalism. In the foreground can be seen the evidence, human remains.

The heads of two women who had been eaten. In center is the author, with Herbert Hoover's American Relief Administration in Russia.

us look bad all over the world.

Yet Americans have big hearts. We have a record of international humanitarianism of which every one of us can be proud. During both World Wars we voluntarily rationed ourselves so we could send food to suffering people abroad. We helped the Japanese earthquake victims, the Greek and Armenian refugees from Asia Minor, and millions of European victims of both major conflicts. We not only saved millions of Russian lives during the terrible famine of 1921-23, but also, in our zeal to relieve hunger, we may even have saved the tottering soviet regime.

But food for Red China is not a relief project. Make no mistake about it; it's a cold war stratagem. Sending food would be on a par with shipping guns, tanks, and planes to the Chinese Marxists. For, in communist hands, food is a weapon.

Obviously, no decent person wants to turn his back on the starving. If the Chinese and Russians would renounce the aim of world domination, Americans couldn't feed their hungry fast enough. (In fact, we are constantly sending food to the needy.) But food sent to China would not reach the famine-stricken peasants. The 43-year history of communism shows what would happen to it. It would help build up the military machine that is meant to destroy us. It would feed the communist hierarchy, the secret police, the Red army, the party members, the government bureaucracy, the militia and police, favored industrial workers. Moreover, it would replace food that the Reds have been exporting.

Exporting food in time of famine? That's just what has been happening. Answering a question in his January 25th press conference, President Kennedy stated that the Red Chinese "are exporting food at the present time, some of it to Africa, some of it going, I think to Cuba, and therefore that is a factor in their need for food from abroad." He could have added Albania and other Red puppets to the list of recipients.

What the advocates of food for Red China—for any communist state, in fact—ignore is that in soviet eyes food is not a nutriment for the relief of hunger but a potent weapon. It's a weapon for the advancement of the soviet universal state.

Let me relate an incident of the Russian famine of 1921-23 which illustrates the difference between the American and the soviet concepts of food. When Dr. H. Carey Walker, officer of the Hoover relief administration, reached

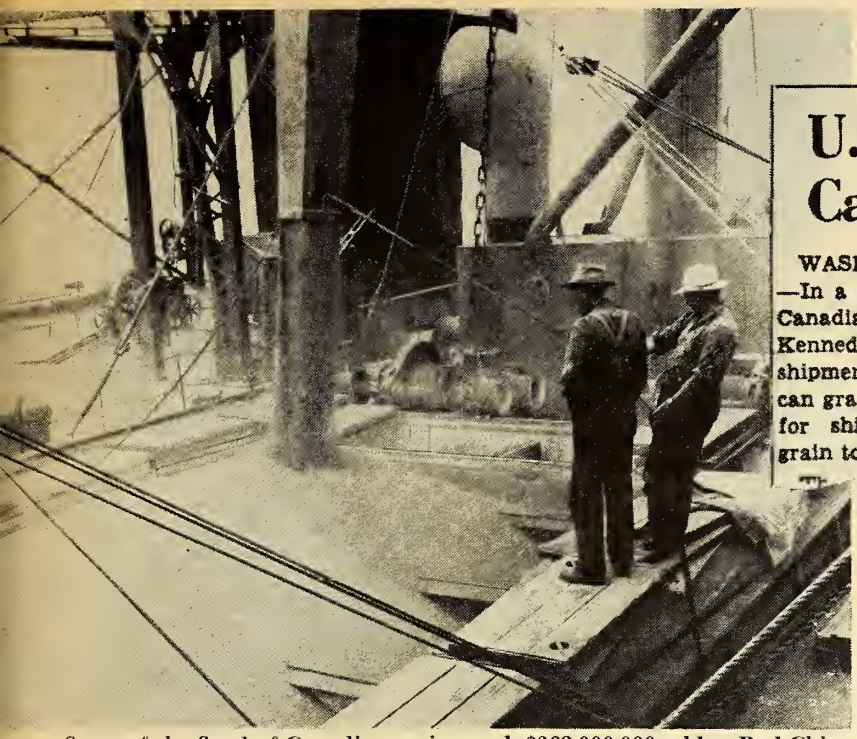
Under pressure, we went along with the deal.

U.S. OK's Deal So Canada Can Ship Grain to Peiping

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP).—In a move to smooth U. S.-Canadian relations, President Kennedy today reversed a stop-shipment order on ten American grain pumps being supplied for ships carrying Canadian grain to Red China.

transfer the grain from their holds to Vhinese warehouses.

The U. S.-Canadian dispute arose after the U. S. Treasury Department heard that a Montreal agent for Norwegian and English vessels had ordered pumps from the Dunbar-Kapple Manufacturing Co. of Batavia.



Some of the flood of Canadian grain worth $362,000,000 sold to Red China.

Communism has forced the Chinese to work harder than ever, but he gets a lot less to eat.

A Soviet farm delegation in this country to learn our "trade secrets" about the raising of food. We cheerfully tell all. At right is Earl Butz, an official of the Department of Agriculture.

his Leningrad post, he explained his mission of mercy to Zinoviev, local communist boss and chief of the Third International. Zinoviev glowered at him and shouted: "You have food! Food is a weapon!" Dr. Walker quietly replied: "Mr. Zinoviev, in our hands food is a weapon only against hunger."

As a bolshevik, Zinoviev thought it inconceivable that anyone would use food merely to relieve suffering. He and his Red comrades had used it to keep themselves in power. Those who collaborated with the communists got food; those who opposed communism got none. Even during the worst famine conditions—I saw them and they were frightful—the bolshevik hierarchy had plenty to eat; the secret police were well fed; the party members and Red army had sufficient food.

Famine followed communism in the Soviet Union. The rich earth of Russia had traditionally produced good crops. But the bolsheviks plundered the peasants and seized their reserves of grain and seed. They killed off many of the most industrious food producers and destroyed the incentive to work. The "class struggle" enslaved the peasants. *(Continued on page 42)*

Khrushchev calls on the farmers of Kazakhstan for more production.

ROD AND GUN CLUB

For the man with an interest in the great outdoors.

TEEN HUNTERS CLUBS, started by the Sportsmen's Service Bureau in 1959 to give young sportsmen a chance to learn how to handle firearms, are now being extensively sponsored. Indeed, more than a few American Legion Posts are participating in this worthwhile activity, teaching safety and giving youngsters an understanding of firearms that may serve them in good stead in an emergency. If your Post might be interested in sponsoring a Teen Hunters Club, a booklet is now available which gives full particulars. To get your copy, write Sportsmen's Service Bureau, 250 E. 43rd St., New York 17, N.Y. There's no charge.

SLEEPING BAGS can become damp and clammy after a night on the ground, and Charles Carroll, of Marion, Ohio, offers a highly practical way of correcting that condition. Give it a tumble in one of the dryers in your local Laundromat, he says. It will be dry and fluffy for your next sleepout.

OIL ON ICY WATERS is recommended for ice fishermen by R. Miller, of Lansing, Mich. When you're fishing through ice, a few ounces of olive oil will keep the hole from freezing over for quite some time. Ought to improve the taste of the fish too.

THE EX-GI entered into the thinking of the Savage Arms Corporation when they decided to bring out their famous lever action Savage 99 in a carbine version. Describing the current popularity of carbines, C. L. DuBuisson, of Savage said: "Perhaps all the ex-GI's who would have liked to have taken an M-1 carbine home from service are providing the market." His company's entry, the 99-E, has a 20-inch barrel, and handles such potent cartridges as the .308, the .243 and the .300 Savage. Stripped of frills, it sells for $99.95.

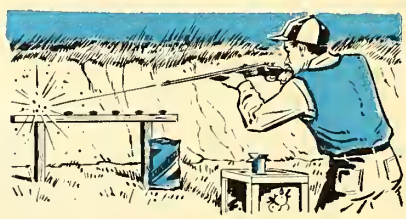
WINTRY WEATHER is the subject of another idea, this from Frank S. Weaver, of Williamston, N.C. Observing that boats can be uncomfortably cold at this time of year, he says you can correct this by filling a galvanized bucket half full of sand, then lighting a charcoal fire on top of the sand. The fire will burn for three or four hours, and he assures us it will keep the boat warm.

IMMOBILIZED GRASSHOPPERS are assured by a little trick that Gregory J. Carr, of Franklin Square, N.Y., has worked out. As he points out, the insects have an annoying way of getting loose when the cover of a bait box is opened. He foils them, however, by placing a discarded silk or nylon stocking in the bottom of the box. The tiny, hooked spurs on the legs of the insects (we never knew they had 'em) become enmeshed in the fibers of the fabric and there they are when you need them.

WE SUSPECT COMMERCIALISM, but J. Robert Hamaker of Los Alamitos, Calif., who works for the Diamond Match Corporation, says that a match book makes a fine carrier for hooks with leaders in the tackle box. You open the cover, insert the hook around the side of the book of matches, wrap the leader clear around the book, and close the cover flap. Not only does this give you a neat tackle box but also plenty of lights for your smokes. And Mr. Hamaker says you don't *have to* use Diamond matches.

IT'S ONLY MONEY and we seem to be in for more inflation anyway, otherwise we wouldn't mention the suggestion made by Charles E. Kuykendall, of Algood, Tenn. For cleaning eyeglasses, fishing rods, guns, and lanterns, he suggests old dollar bills!

PICK UP THOSE EMPTY SHELLS when hunting ducks and geese, warns Curt M. Kuhn, of High Ridge, Mo. If you leave them lying around your blind, the sharp-eyed fowl will spot the shiny brass from miles off, and they'll never come near you.



CHEAP, FAST-ACTION target practice is promised by Tony Gajewsky, of Angleton, Texas, if you use small chunks of charcoal as targets. Tony says there's no mistaking a hit since the charcoal explodes. And he says briquettes are even better. If feasible, the targets might be set up where you plan to build a fire. No sense having the charcoal go to waste.

EX-MARINE LARRY H. DANIELS, of New Berlin, N.Y., presents an idea that he says he picked up when he was in the Corps. If you carry a sidearm in a holster, he suggests that you also carry a small plastic bag. When it rains, wrap the handgun in the bag and then put it in the holster. You'll always have a nice, dry weapon that will be free of rust.

FOR A QUICK HOT MEAL while on the road or while approaching that hunting spot, why not use the engine of your car? David K. Pike, of Rosemead, Calif., does it by putting a can of beans or soup in "one of the nooks and crannies of the manifold." He says that 15 minutes later you will have a piping hot meal without the bother of lighting a campfire or stove.

MOSQUITOES AND GNATS don't like the smell of camphor, according to Robert Cunningham, of Nanty-Glo, Pa., and he makes a suggestion based on that premise. When you are storing fishing vest and shirts, be sure to scatter some mothballs in the drawer. During the winter they will absorb enough of the smell to repel the pesky insects, come spring.

DRY CLEAN YOUR DOG suggests Elsie Stringer, of Bay Springs, Miss., and keep him spic and span during hunting season. Her procedure is to use baking soda, which she rubs or combs into the dog's coat, mixed with your favorite flea powder. Then the powder is brushed out. Odors disappear and the dog's hair becomes "glossy clean."

IN AUGUST an article appeared in this magazine telling that fishing at night was likely to mean better catches than during daytime. For those who are going after lunkers after dark, Jerry Lordan, of Elma, Wash., has a suggestion. If you wrap a piece of luminous tape around the first two joints of your pole, it will make it easy to detect any movement of a pole tip.

If you have a helpful idea that pertains to hunting or fishing, send it along. If we can use it, we'll reward you with a check for $5.00. Address: Outdoor Editor, *The American Legion Magazine,* 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.

VETERANS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1961

A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

RUSH IS ON FOR LEGION'S ANNUAL GUIDE TO COLLEGE AIDS AND CAREER PLANNING:

The American Legion's annual reference booklet to college financial aids and career planning for the guidance of high school seniors and graduates is rapidly becoming the number one sourcebook in its field in the United States...Within a few weeks of the preparation of the 11th edition of the booklet ("Need a Lift?") this fall, requests for more than 60,000 copies poured into the Education and Scholarship Division, American Legion Nat'l Hq., P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind. ...Corporations, universities, colleges, state governors, high schools, fraternal and civic orders, churches, labor unions were among the non-Legion groups ordering the 15¢ booklet, while by the hundreds American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units ordered the $1 packet of 7 copies, with other educational materials, for distribution to their local schools.

In another phase of assistance for students pursuing higher education, strong backing is developing in Washington for passage of the Legion's bill to extend Social Security benefits to age 21 for young people who remain in school...Bill would apply to those already eligible for such benefits until age 18...The benefit is basically a dependency benefit...Commonest recipients are children of widowed mothers...Benefit actually goes to the mother...Legion believes the extension would be a strong boost toward maximum education for a large class of youngsters who have the toughest time of all staying in school, and would correctly recognize that dependency exists beyond 18 for those in school.

PENSION, COMPENSATION REFORMS WILL GET NOWHERE IN 1962 IF VETERANS ARE SILENT:

What is the outlook for reforms in veterans compensation and pension programs during the looming session of the Congress?

The situation in compensation borders on the fantastic...Both houses of Congress unanimously passed overdue increases for monthly payments of compensation to war-disabled veterans last year, but nothing happened...a hassle between the two houses prevented their both agreeing on the same bill, and the increase died for lack of the same bill passing both houses for the President's signature.

The pension situation was different... There wasn't any notable effort to enact anything.

The present pension law was devised by the Congress two years ago, with the declared aim of fairly solving numerous problems under, and objections to, the previous law...Veterans already receiving pensions at the time the new law was passed were allowed to select the new law, or remain under the old...It was confidently believed in Congress that the new law was so attractive that it would be the choice of most... It hasn't turned out that way, and in many respects the new law has failed to do what its planners said it would do.

That should have been no surprise... Under the new law, a totally disabled and unemployable married veteran, with a total income of $1,000 to $2,700 -- or a single veteran with an income of only $600 to $1400 -- would lose anywhere from $3 to $33 a month by choosing the new law...Even disabled and unemployable veterans with incomes so meagre that they stood to gain in monthly payments, would jeopardize their future eligibility by choosing the new law...If their wives should find future employment, their pensions could be wiped out under the "spouse's income" provision.

The Legion, last year, introduced a bill which accepts the basic plan that Congress invented, but asks amendments to make the law do what it was supposed to do...Here's what the Legion bill (HR886) seeks:

1. For disabled, unemployable veterans with dependents, provide pension as follows: (a) If income is $2,000 to $3,000 a year, a pension of $80 a month plus $5 for each dependent...(b) If income is under $2,000 a year, a pension of $100 a month plus $5 for each dependent.

2. For disabled, unemployable veterans without dependents, provide pension as follows:...(a) If income is $1200 to $1800, a pension of $80 a month...(b) If income is under $1200, a pension of $100 a month.

3. For widow, no child, provide pension as follows:...(a) If income is $1200 to $1800, a pension of $55 a month...(b) If income is less than $1200, a pension of $65 a month.

4. For widow with child, provide pension as follows:...(a) If income is $2,000 to $3,000, a pension of $65 a month plus $15 for each additional child...(b) If income is under $2,000, a pension of $75 a month plus $15 for each additional child.

5. Eliminate the provision that wife's income will count toward disqualifying a veteran from receipt of pension.

These requests are about the most moderate of the pension reforms sought by the various veterans' organizations...They would remedy exactly those weaknesses in the law of which Congress itself is most conscious, and within the structure of the Congress' own notions...But the bill got precisely nowhere in the last session of Congress.

The reason is simple...Large numbers of veterans prove their vital interest in the needed compensation and pension reforms by their intense activity in getting resolutions adopted by veterans organizations...But most of them stop there.

Too many veterans obviously believe the myth that a resolution passed by the Legion is all that is needed to enact a law ...That is, and always was, poppycock... It is true that the Legion's influence always was potent...It has always adopted policies that were as fair to the public as to the veterans...But even in the days when the condition of disabled veterans was universally acknowledged to be a disgrace to the nation, legislative action was paralyzed until the Legion rallied support behind a single thought-out solution...A reasoned and competent solution was never enough, until veterans by the thousands told their Congressmen that what the Legion had introduced was what they wanted.

You can be sure that that will be true this year...You may not expect either compensation or pension reforms in 1962 unless those who are interested in them convince their own Congressmen with a flood of letters that is impressive...That is even truer this year than last...A Congressional election year is beginning, and Congressional ears will be tuned more than usual to what the folks back home are saying -- and not saying...Grass roots murmurs will be ignored, shouts will be heard.

LEGION INSURANCE COVERS PEACETIME MILITARY HAZARDS:

Legionnaires who carry $12-a-year American Legion Life Insurance and who have been called to active duty with their reserve outfits, are wondering if the insurance still covers them while on military duty...The answer is that, short of war, it does...The basic policy has a war exclusion clause...But the hazards of peacetime military duty -- including such extra hazards as flight duty - - are fully covered without payment of extra premium.

Insured Legionnaires are reminded that the normal renewal date of their American Legion Life Insurance policies is Dec. 31 for all insured Legionnaires, when the annual $12 payment for 1962 is due...Because all payments become due at the same time it is possible to publish this reminder as a protection against lapses in addition to the annual billing...1962 American Legion membership card number is required at time of insuring for 1962.

American Legion Life Insurance is group insurance in most states, individual insurance in a few states (due to state laws)...Annual payments are $12 a year... It is available only to members of The American Legion...It is "reducing term insurance" -- which means that the annual payment stays the same, $12, instead of increasing with age, and the amount of insurance reduces with age...Youngest Legionnaires may carry as much as $4,000 coverage, which reduces as they grow older ...Insurance ends at age 70, is not obtainable thereafter.

Uninsured Legionnaires, wishing precise details, should inquire of The American Legion Insurance Dep't, P.O. Box 5609, Chicago 80, Illinois.

SUPREME COURT DISMISSES CHALLENGE OF VETS JOB ACT:

The U. S. Supreme Court refused to hear a challenge of the constitutionality of the Veterans Preference Act on Oct. 16... The Act gives war veterans and their widows certain priorities in Federal jobs... Non-vets at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, brought the action...In refusing to hear them, the high court agreed with earlier lower court action.

NEWS of The American Legion
and Veterans' Affairs

DECEMBER 1961

Membership Ahead 257,000 At Time of Fall Meetings

The regular fall meetings of American Legion nationwide officialdom were held in mid-October against a backdrop of American Legion membership for 1962 that was 257,000 ahead of the comparative date a year ago.

As the Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants met in Indianapolis on Oct. 23, and the National Executive Committee two days later, National Commander Charles L. Bacon lost no time in telling the Legion leaders from every state, territory and foreign department that the huge early enrolment was due in large part to their early, organized efforts, and to those of local American Legion leaders in their areas.

Past National Commander and former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson (W. Va.) then told the NEC that Commander Bacon had himself contributed mightily to the upsurge by his inspiring personal visits with Legionnaires in every section of the country at 22 regional meetings during his first month in office.

Yet a third factor was generally conceded to have been a force in earlier-than-usual enrolment of a quarter-million eligibles in the Legion for 1962: ie: the enormous popularity of the stand taken by the Legion at its 1961 Nat'l Convention in Denver in support of President Kennedy's facing up to the threats of Khrushchev.

There is virtually no other organization in the country through which citizens can express what is almost a universal feeling in such unmistakable language as that which came from the Denver convention.

Of the several meetings held in Indianapolis in October, only those of the Nat'l Executive Committee (NEC) involved the official conduct of American Legion business and creation of policy.

While the NEC adopted 27 resolutions, many of them were routine – the Nat'l Convention having settled most major matters for the ensuing year.

A summary of all 27 resolutions appears on page 33. Items contained in them that are essentially new include:

(a) A new singing contest, to be held at Nat'l Conventions, for quartets.

(b) Approval of Philadelphia as the site of the 1965 Nat'l Convention (Aug. 26-Sept. 2).

(c) A study, with a possible change in view, of the expiration dates of American Legion membership.

(d) Plans for a new American Legion history, outlined in the Public Relations report submitted to the NEC by PR Chmn C. D. DeLoach, (D.C.)

(e) Extension of the temporary delegate-housing plan at the Denver convention for future nat'l conventions.

(f) Establishment of the official Legion legislative program for 1962.

Two speakers high in the ranks of the U.S. military establishment journeyed to Indianapolis to address the NEC. Both thanked the Legion for the civilian backing it provides the nation's defense setup, and each looked to the Legion to enlarge that role during the present remobilization.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States, Gen. Lyman M. Lemnitzer, spoke to a closed session of the NEC on Oct. 25. He intimately outlined the day to day military situation in Berlin, then appealed to the Legion to play needed roles of civic leadership regarding the problems of men who are called into active service.

As guest speaker that evening at the National Commander's dinner to the NEC, the Secretary of the Air Force, Eugene W. Zuckert, reiterated the reliance of the military on the traditional support that the Legion gives to broad national defense policies, and the services it renders locally in joint military-civic problems. "The Legionnaires' job as citizens has no end," Zuckert noted.

At the start of the meeting, Mrs. J. Howard McKay (Pa.) National President of The American Legion Auxiliary, announced the annual semi-spoof bet between herself and the National Commander Bacon, re: the race to see whether the Legion or the Auxiliary would have the greater proportional membership record for 1962.

"If the Auxiliary wins, I get a Siamese cat from Commander Bacon," she said. "If the Legion wins, I give the Commander a setter. Don't think we're in a cat and dog fight. He really wants a setter and I really want a Siamese cat." Commander Bacon, with a quarter million early membership increase in his pocket, just smiled, as if pondering a name for his setter.

Mrs. McKay, back from an inspection of Radio Free Europe along the edge of the Iron Curtain, said that the reality of the huge communist imprisonment of whole nations was beyond the power of news headlines to portray.

NEC Highlights

Here are highlights of various reports received and actions taken by the National Executive Committee:

Americanism:

Edmund Lyons (N.J.), Vice Chmn of the Americanism Commission submitted its report. *(To next page).*

SECRETARY of the Air Force Zuckert asks Legion support in military-civic problems, at National Executive Committee dinner in Indianapolis on Oct. 25.

He cited numerous Americanism objectives for 1962, and recent accomplishments.

Objectives included:

A re-evaluation of minimum standards for Boys' State.

More enlistment of Boys' State graduates in civic activities.

A survey of the effectiveness of the present regional basis of American Legion Baseball elimination tournaments.

A special promotion within the Legion of the National Oratorical Contest during 1962 (the 25th anniversary of the contest), particularly its development by Legion posts in areas of the country where it is weak.

A goal of 20,000 School Medal Awards in 1962.

Encouragement of more Departments to vie for the annual national Americanism trophies.

Lyons cited these winners of such trophies in 1961:

James A. Drain Trophy, based on community service; winner — Iowa. *Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. Trophy*, based on Boy Scout work; winner — Wisconsin. *Ralph T. O'Neil Trophy*, based on School Medal presentations; winner — Mississippi. *Hearst Americanism Trophy* — based on total Americanism activity reported; winner — Pennsylvania. *Spafford Nat'l Trophy*, based on sponsoring the Oratorical champion; winner — New York. *Howard P. Savage Trophy*, based on sponsoring the American Legion Baseball champions; winner—Arizona. *Ford C. Frick Trophy*, based on sponsoring the Baseball runner-up; winner — Ohio. *Paul V. McNutt Trophy*, based on winning the nat'l Postal Rifle Match; winner — Post 25, Windsor, Vt.

Legion 1961 Americanism achievements reported included:

Substantial support to America's 450 Boys' clubs.

Sponsorship of 4,302 Boy Scout units, serving 186,204 boys.

Approximately ½ million boys provided with youth baseball, including the Legion program and Post aid to Little League, Pony League, etc. Total youths sponsored in baseball since 1925, approximately 15 million.

About 355,000 boys and girls in Oratorical Contest in 1961, and about 5.1 million since 1938.

25,065 boys at Boys' States in 1961. Total since Boys' State started in Illinois in 1935 — about 465,000.

Expenditures by Legion Dep'ts and Posts in operating Boys' States in 1961: $903,931.97. 98 boys at Boys' Nation in 1961. 1,498 total in the 16 years of Boys' Nation to date.

18,000 School Medals awarded in 1961. About 405,000 since the program started in Pennsylvania in 1921.

Nat'l American Legion scholarships to Oratorical Contest finalists. Used in 1961: $5,925. Balance still to credit of previous winners $18,725. Awards authorized in 1961 to four finalists: $8,000. Total scholarship awards since program began in 1938: $162,000.

Child Welfare

Percy Lemoine (La.) reported as chairman of the Nat'l Child Welfare Commission.

Lemoine stressed the policy adopted at the 1961 Convention to support the President's physical fitness program. The Child Welfare Commission would "like to interest Legionnaires and Legion Posts in working with their school systems to provide our youngsters with a minimum of 15 minutes a day of vigorous physical exercise," Lemoine reported.

The Child Welfare Commission, he added, has under review the complex matter of strengthening state adoption laws to remedy the conditions that have given rise to what is called a "black market in babies."

Lemoine expressed alarm at the bad light in which many public welfare programs have recently found themselves. The Legion, he said, strongly supports the original purposes of the Aid to Dependent Children section of the Social Security laws. A special 3-man Legion committee is "taking a hard look" to see if ADC needs reform or is being maligned.

The belief of the Legion, he said, is that if American children have "less than the *best* health, the *best* education and the *best* welfare," we are selling our children short. The Legion will continue its major role on the child welfare scene in the U.S., he said, if only because 40 million of America's 70 million children are the children of veterans.

GEN. Lyman Lemnitzer, Chmn, Joint Chiefs of Staff, gives Legion's National Executive Committee a closed briefing on events in Berlin.

NAT'L Cmdr Bacon lauds Legion local leaders for huge early membership surge.

Convention

Though accounting wasn't complete, it was evident that the 1961 Nat'l Convention in Denver was a financial success, Convention Chairman Harry Foster (Calif.) reported.

If the NEC would approve Philadelphia for 1965 (it did) then the next four conventions would be slated as follows, Foster noted:

1962. Las Vegas, Nevada. Oct. 5-11.
1963. New Orleans, La. Sept. 6-12.
1964. Dallas, Texas. Sept. 19-24.
1965. Philadelphia, Pa. Aug. 22-Sept. 2.

Under consideration for dates beyond 1965 were Portland, Oreg.; Houston, Tex., and Miami, Fla., said Foster, and a bid from New York, N.Y. had recently been received.

Internal Affairs

Legislative roadblocks have crippled the up-dating of national cemeteries for years, virtually all bills regarding them dying in Congressional committee, according to the Internal Affairs Commission report given by Vice Chairman Max Brents (Calif.). The NEC voted support of a Senate Resolution to enact needed new national cemetery laws.

A subcommittee report on Membership, made by chmn William Brennan (Ind.) emphasized (1) The value of early nationwide conferences with local leaders, such as National Commander Bacon had just completed, (2) The harmful effect on Legion membership and program planning of National Conventions held later than early September; (3) The need of a sweeping study of the Legion's role in urban and suburban areas.

Economic

Economic Chairman George T. Lewis (Tenn.) noted that the Economic Commission had not met since the National Convention, hence had no new report to make. Lewis reviewed at length the status of the Legion's Economic program as it came out of the Convention (See summary of Nat'l Convention resolutions, under Economic, page 32 of this magazine.) Lewis stressed the many facets of the employment problems of veterans, and the employment rights of men now going into service, as well as the job problems of men subject to recall to duty if potential employers hold their liability to military service against them. The Economic Commission be-

lieves that every Post of the Legion should have an Employment Chairman, and is asking that the Legion Manual of Ceremonies be amended to include a regular Post report on veterans job needs and opportunities, Lewis said.

Foreign Relations

There was nothing new to report from the Foreign Relations Commission, said Hollis Hull (Oreg.), Commission Vice Chairman.

Legion Insurance

Jerome Duggan (Mo.) reported that an all time high of more than 45,000 Legionnaires now carry $12-a-year American Legion Life Insurance (see p. 28).

He reported further that his committee had looked into the operation of the independent Legionnaires Benefit Association, incorporated in Louisiana.

Though not an official part of The American Legion, the association does not trespass on Legion rights or copyrights, and is neither more nor less "competition" with the Legion's own insurance plan for its members than any other life insurance firm, Duggan told the NEC.

Legislation

Duggan also reported as Chairman of the National Legislative Commission. The NEC adopted the legislative program for 1962 offered in Duggan's report, based on 1961 Convention mandates. (Convention resolutions do not require Legion legislative activity unless approved by the NEC). The 1961 Convention committees and delegates were complimented for their work in screening legislative proposals at Denver.

Rehabilitation

Robert M. McCurdy (Calif.) as chairman, gave the Rehabilitation Commission report. He reviewed the failure of the last session of Congress to enact veterans compensation and pension insurance reforms. (See page 27). He expressed special interest in the economic problems of men now called into service, notably the condition of laws protecting them in their jobs on discharge, and their civil debts while on military pay.

National Security

Addison Drummond (Fla.), as chairman, gave the National Security Commission report. The strong Legion National Security resolutions of the 1961 Convention had been hailed by the nation, he said. He quoted a *Rocky Mountain News* editorial which said, in part: "It is . . . comforting . . . that a national group of this stature (the Legion) . . . made up of individuals who have served their country . . . can cast aside any partisan . . . considerations and take a stand firmly behind the nation's policy of strength . . ."

Drummond noted that two years ago the Legion opposed attacks on the reserve forces and the National Guard. "If there ever was a time when the wisdom of American Legion action stood out in bold relief, that time is now," said Drummond . . . "One could logically ask where indeed, would we turn today for the military buildup, had we, together with a few staunch supporters both in and out of Congress, not staunchly defended our position."

Appointments

Numerous appointments to national committees and commissions were approved by the NEC. Below are those who were appointed chairmen. Commissions appear in CAPITAL letters, committees under each commission in *italics*. Appointments other than chairmen are too numerous to list:

AMERICANISM: Charles F. Hamilton (Mo.); *Counter-subversive Activities:* Dr. J. E. Martie (Nev.).

CHILD WELFARE: Percy A Lemoine (La.)

CONVENTION: James V. Demarest (N.Y.); *Contests Supervisory:* Archie Pozzi, Jr. (Nev.); *Distinguished Guests:* A. L. Starshak, (Ill.)

ECONOMIC: Almo J. Sebastianelli (Pa.) *Employment:* Elmore R. Torn (Tex.); *Housing:* Hugh Askew (Okla.); *Veterans Preference:* Raymond E. McEvoy (Mass.)

FINANCE: Harold P. Redden (Mass.); *Emblem:* Julius Levy (Pa.); *Investments Policy:* W. Bea Waldrip (Mich.); *Overseas Graves Decoration Trust:* Nat'l Cmdr Charles L. Bacon (Mo.).

FOREIGN RELATIONS: Emilio S. Iglesias (Vt.); *Inter-American:* Thomas E. Whelan (N.Dak.).

INTERNAL AFFAIRS: George T. Lewis (Tenn.); *Constitution and By-Laws:* Halsey W. Stickel (N.J.); *Graves Registration and Memorial:* Herbert D. Black (S.C.); *Group Insurance:* Jerome F. Duggan (Mo.); *Membership and Post Activities:* William A. Brennan, Jr. (Ind.); *Pilgrimage:* Stewart W. Parker (D.C.); *Resolutions Assignment:* Charles W. Griffith (S.C.); *Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials:* Thomas Roumell (Mich.).

LEGISLATIVE: Jerome F. Duggan (Mo.).

NATIONAL SECURITY: Robert H. Bush (Iowa); *Aeronautics & Space:* Roscoe Turner (Ind.); *Civil Defense:* David Aronberg (Ky.); *Merchant Marine:* Henry C. Parke (N.Y.); *Military Affairs:* William C. Doyle (N.J.); *Naval Affairs:* Emmett G. Lenihan (Wash.); *Law and Order:* Paul S. Kinsey (Ohio); *Nat'l Security Training:* Granville S. Ridley (Tenn.); *Amateur Radio Network:* Collins Rowe Buchner (Calif.).

PUBLICATIONS: Edward McSweeney (N.Y.)

PUBLIC RELATIONS: C. D. DeLoach (D.C.)

REHABILITATION: Robert M. McCurdy (Calif.)

Special Committees:

Uniform Code of Military Justice and Court of Military Appeals: John J. Finn (D.C.);

Nat'l Commander's Advisory Committee: William R. Burke (Calif.)

Problems of the Aging: James W. Doon (N.H.)

Liaison with Nat'l Education Ass'n: D. H. Reed (N.Mex.).

Also appointed were Earl Young (Colo.) as National Historian, to succeed Glenn Hoover (Iowa); and Kenneth Cruse (Mo.) to be National Sergeant-At-Arms, succeeding Harry Engelund (Calif.)

MORE than 90 leaders of American Legion Boys' States conferred in Indianapolis, Oct. 21-22. Here, Lou Babb, Idaho Legion Adjutant, tells how Idaho Boys' State works.

NAT'L Commander Bacon, and Nat'l Auxiliary President Mrs. J. Howard McKay (Pa.) jointly greet the conference of Dep't Commanders and Adjutants as it met, Oct. 23-24.

RESOLUTIONS:

Convention & NEC

Following is a digest containing the sense of every resolution adopted by the 1961 National Convention in Denver in September and by the National Executive Committee at its meeting in Indianapolis in late October.

Convention Resolutions

They are arranged alphabetically by committee headings, and numerically by resolution number under each committee heading.

Americanism

5. Supports Congressional investigations of subversion and censures groups and individuals who try to impede such investigations.

10. Endorses the principle of establishing a Freedom Academy.

45. Urges strict enforcement of law requiring the Communist Party USA to register as a representative of a foreign gov't.

97. Asks Federal college aid for children of vets who are 100% service-disabled.

98. Again asks Congress to investigate American Civil Liberties Union.

99. Urges that Armed Forces be unhampered in indoctrinating their commands in the nature of the enemy and opposes censorship of films "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on The Map" in our Armed Forces.

129. Urges that pro-American and anti-communistic programs be kept by military and civilian authorities.

130. Asks Congress to stop flood of postage-free communist propaganda into this country from abroad under Section 226, Title 39 of the U.S. Code.

131. Opposes weakening U.S. immigration law.

158. Asks Congress to recognize communism as an enemy of the American people, and embark on a program to conclude the cold war in favor of freedom.

160. Seeks law to bar communists from radio broadcasting in U.S.

179. Urges united support of U.S. citizens for vital gov't decisions affecting national survival.

183. Opposes collectivism in American agriculture.

201. Denounces American Nazi Party.

202. Asks vigorous Congressional investigation of communist, facist and nazi organizations.

228. Asks support of local Chambers of Commerce in observing Veterans Day Nov. 11 as a legal holiday.

236. Asks Supreme Court reconsider ruling that no religious oath be required for an office of public trust.

237. Commends F. B. I. and its director, J. Edgar Hoover.

338. Urges increased education of young Americans in basic principles on which the United States was founded.

365. Urges more educational effort in U.S. re: nature of communism.

397. Urges Legionnaires rededicate themselves to Americanism in 1961-62.

401. Asks that naturalization rights of aliens who served with our forces in WW1 and WW2 be extended to include the Korean War.

432. Declares that U.S. motion picture industry has abandoned its united front against communist infiltration (The Waldorf Declaration); pledges Legion to publicize reds in our movies; commends Warner Brothers, Walt Disney Studios and John Wayne Productions for continued adherence to Waldorf Declaration's principles.

434. Again asks removal of offensive murals from Rincon Annex, San Francisco U.S. Post Office.

440. Supports Cherokee Textile Mills (Tennessee) for refusing to surrender a postage meter with the message "Ours is a Republic, Not a Democracy."

467. Supports Radio Free Europe.

504. Continues Legion's Education & Scholarship program.

517. Commends Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

520. Opposes weakening loyalty oath and disclaimer in Nat'l Defense Education Act of 1958.

544. Supports the special committee on communism of the American Bar Ass'n.

Child Welfare

33. Urges a nat'l conference be called by the President to study and make recommendations for control of distribution of obscene and pornographic literature and pictures.

415. Supports measures to improve on the physical fitness of American youth.

537. Supports the March of Dimes.

538. Asks strengthening of legal procedures relating to adoption of children.

539. Asks Legion initiative in a nationwide study of mental illness of children.

Finance

Unnumbered. Continues nat'l American Legion per capita dues as in 1961, at $1.50.

Foreign Relations

52. Opposes weakening Connally Reservation, which prevents World Court from declaring its own jurisdiction over U. S. matters.

54. Asks State Dep't to arrange for Red Cross visitors to persons in communist prisons.

68. Asks that all forms of Foreign Aid be restricted to nations which show a willingness to join the U. S. in combatting communism.

186. Reaffirms support of United Nations, as forum that may be beneficial in international relations.

188. Opposes payment of any blackmail or tribute to any dictator or oppressor, such as the recent Cuban tractor proposal.

196. Continues to oppose admission of Red China in UN, and U. S. recognition of Red China.

200. Opposes any form of anti-Constitutional government.

213. Asks modification of Status of Forces treaties, to assure U. S. Constitutional rights to all our overseas military personnel.

216. Asks complete travel and trade embargo on Cuba.

217. Supports House Resolution 279, that would provide a Select Committee of the House of Representatives to make a thorough and impartial investigation of the personnel and procedures of the U. S. State Dep't.

251. U. S. maintain its present treaty rights in Panama.

253. Asks U. S. to vigorously promote declared policy aimed at eventual freedom of Captured Nations.

283. Asks end of secrecy surrounding Dep't of Commerce export licenses of shipments to communist nations.

313. Asks U. S. to call on Russia for a complete and total disarmament, fully guaranteed by adequate inspection, with former military expenditures on both sides used for the benefit of mankind.

357. Backs up U. S. policy to defend Formosa.

358. Asks unyielding foreign policy against any further military or political expansion of communism.

420. Disapproves Peace Corps in absence of guarantees of allegiance of members to U. S.

451. Enforce Monroe Doctrine in Cuba, with other American States if possible — if not — unilaterally.

457. Asks end to all trade with communist-bloc nations.

458. Finds policy of "containment of communism" to be "bankrupt"—asks President to direct free world to a new policy of liberation of communist-enslaved peoples.

468. Supports allied position in Berlin at all hazards, commends progress shown in West Germany.

488. Broad foreign policy statement of Legion.

West Europe—No recognition of East Germany. Nothing to negotiate re: our rights in West Berlin.

Middle East & Africa — Join with other free nations in blocking communist expansion in, and arms shipments to this area.

Far East — Oppose all diplomatic recognition of Red China.

Miscellaneous — U. S. must again protect its citizens abroad.

492. Urges passage of the original "Bricker Amendments", to prevent international agreements without Senate approval.

529. Opposes admission of Outer Mongolia to UN, and U. S. recognition of Outer Mongolia.

562. Endorses whatever action necessary to save Southeast Asia from further communist expansion.

Internal Organization

48. Urges a 20th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Commemorative U.S. postage stamp this December.

64. Urges commencement of American Legion nat'l conventions not later than September 15 and no conflict with religious holy days.

271. Urges a commemorative stamp honoring the "first enlisted women" in the Armed Forces, the Yeomen F of the WW1 Navy and Marine Corps.

511. Asks designation of Sons of American Legion to be one of the nat'l youth organizations eligible to receive certain surplus gov't property.

Legislation

325. Again asks Senate to form a Veterans Affairs Committee.

371. Reiterates that Legion legislative proposals be limited to Legion's basic programs.

National Security

95. Continues special committee on Uniform Code of Military Justice.

114. Opposes proposed reorganization of Class A Army Reserve Units as one that could diminish reserve potentialities.

121. Commends Legionnaires Alan B. Shepard, Jr. and Virgil Grissom on their historic space flights.

148. Urges immediate funds to develop Nike-Zeus anti-ballistic missile system.

149. Endorses and supports Army Special Forces activities in psychological and other unconventional warfare.

151. Pledges "unyielding" support of President Kennedy's announced policy to deter aggression, and of his mobilization and rearmament programs.

153. Urges acceleration of rate of modernizing U.S. Army to counter-balance communist manpower bulge.

154. Recommends minimum manpower of U.S. ground forces as follows: Active Army—1,000,000; Army Reserve, paid drill strength—300,000; Nat'l Guard, paid drill strength—400,000.

171. Supports national policy on fallout shelters.

174. Asks labor, management and gov't to cooperate in expediting naval shipbuilding.

189. Urges acceleration of B-70 bomber system development and production.

265. Commends U.S. gov't attention to military airlift problems.

266. Asks broader Federal Civil Defense program to create local CD facilities and better educate each American in CD procedures in case of attack.

267. Supports compulsory ROTC in all land grant colleges.

268. Seeks law to prevent denying earned reserve retirement pay on basis that part of required service was rendered while under age.

291. Asks Gen. MacArthur be appointed to office of General of the Armies.

361. Asks Legion posts to enlarge their roles in local Civil Defense.

374. Commends the President of the U.S. for his recent firm actions in the cold war to maintain the dignity of this country.

376. Asks that a U.S. Indian Ocean Fleet be formed in the Navy.

377. Supports legislation to let Navy speedily accelerate most modern anti-submarine warfare technologies.

378. Asks that diminution of Naval aireraft program be reversed.

380. Asks further acceleration of Polaris submarine program.

464. Asks all nat'l defense agencies to tighten their security clearance programs.

465. Asks resumption of nuclear testing — underground and in space.

502. Seeks to rectify inequities in Military Pay Act of 1958.

514. Urges acceleration of U.S. aerospace military capabilities.

546. Urges retention of all present U.S. Navy yards.

547. Urges unselfish cooperation of management and labor to maintain uninterrupted production and supply of defense implements of war.

550. Urges U.S. gov't to continue to make clear the Soviet military threat so that popular support of necessary preparedness measures will not slacken.

551. Commends the present spaee programs of

the U.S. gov't, supports their acceleration.

552. Asks high priority for U.S. supersonic transport program.

553. Asks increase in B-58 bomber force, and development of more advanced B-58's.

554. Asks better living conditions and commissary benefits for those called into Armed Forces.

555. Asks acceleration of U.S. space missile programs.

556. Supports greater development of the potentials of helicopters.

557. Asks gov't to review and streamline its contractual procedures with defense industries.

558. Supports increased aeronautical education opportunities for young Americans.

559. Asks high gov't priority for development of nuclear powered aircraft.

560. Supports wide showing of the film "Communist Encirclement 1961."

561. Broad statement of support of a strong U.S. Merchant Marine.

563. Urges updating of military equipment of Air Reserve Forces.

Rehabilitation

4. Continue to seek a limited reopening of NSLI (GI insurance) for eligible vets who hold less than the maximum.

23. Asks that *service*-disabilities cease to bar certain vets from increasing their GI insurance disability riders from $5 to $10 a month per $1,000.

29. Continue to seek 3-year presumption of service-connection for chronic functional psychosis.

32. Supports outpatient treatment of VA pensioners at VA clinics.

37. Seeks law to restore VA medical contract facilities in Alaska.

38. Continue to seek recognition of active lung TB as pensiouable disability from date of hospitalization.

58. Supports legislation to provide for a "modified life plan" of NSLI.

69. Seeks 7-year presumption of service-connection for multiple sclerosis.

141. Legion shall continue to support adequate annual appropriations for VA medical program.

261. Support operation of VA medical services, in both quautity and quality, at maximum authorized level. Oppose diminishing quality or quantity of VA medical services.

343. Seeks $25 increase per child of compensation paid widows for service-connected death of vet husbands.

373. Supports House Bills to increase disability and death compensation.

427. Seeks expansion of VA medical program for aging and chronically ill vets.

471. Continues to seek amendments in basic pension law mandated by the 1960 Legion convention.

540. If peacetime vets GI bill is passed, VA should administer it.

NEC Resolutions

Here are the resolutions approved by the Nat'l Executive Committee in October:

1. Approval of Nat'l Legislative Program of American Legion for 1962 – embodying 73 resolutions adopted at the 1961 Nat'l Convention.

2. Asks Legion state organizations to use their influence to prevent communists from speaking at U.S. educational institutions.

3. Asks President to reciprocate Philippine declaration of Nov. 15 as Philippine-American Day by proclaiming it American-Philippine Day in U. S.

4. Rescinds obsolete resolutions dealing with internal affairs of the Legion.

6. Opposes U. S. military aid to Yugoslavia.

8. Affiliates Tokyo Post 38 with the Hawaiian Department of the Legion.

9. Asks Armed Forces to provide firing squads at burials of deceased veterans.

10. Urges adoption of Senate Resolution 113 to overcome legislative neglect of national cemeteries.

Resolutions 12 to 16 inclusive: Seek creation of specific new national cemeteries and expansion of others.

17. Seeks expansion of Arlington Nat'l Cemetery.

18. Approves rules for contests at 1962 Nat'l Convention including a new singing contest for quartets.

19. Approves Philadelphia as site of 1965 Nat'l Convention – dates. Aug. 26-Sept. 2.

20. Authorizes a review of membership expiration dates in the Legion.

21. Authorizes an "International Amity Award" to be given by Legion to selected war veterans of allied nations for (1) service to veterans affairs; (2) contributions to international goodwill aud comradeship between their organization and the Legion.

22. Approves Nat'l Rifle Ass'n program for Sons of American Legion.

23. Asks that nat'l cemeteries remain open until 8 p.m. the day before Decoration Day (May 29).

24. Reestablishes former name of Legion nat'l membership committee: ie: Membership and Post Activities Committee.

25. Supports President's opposition to eutry of Red China in U.N.

26. Urges Nat'l Convention Committee to avoid coincidence of Nat'l Convention dates with religious Holy Days whenever feasible.

27. Empowers Legion executives to negotiate publishing contract for a new history of The American Legion.

28. Asks Nat'l Commander to seek means to improve effectiveness of the Legion Americauism publication, *The Firing Line,* as an instrument to combat communism.

29. Commends James V. Day (Me.) for his service as Legion Public Relations Director before ill-health forced his resignation.

30. Approves delegate housing plan at 1961 Denver Nat'l Convention for future nat'l conventions.

POST MORTEM:

Funds For The Living

Early in 1946 a group of Legionnaires reasoned that there might be frequent occasion for prominent Legionnaires in the Washington, D.C. area, either permanently or in transit, to gather together in utter relaxation, without duties or responsibilities, to discuss and consider anything in frank unvarnished expression, that would never appear in print or in verbal quotation.

The outcome of this gathering was the organization of the Post Mortem Club, composed of past or current holders of national office, committees, or employment in the national organization of The American Legion, and past or present Legion department commanders, holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Presidents of the United States and Justices of the Supreme Court.

One member has aptly described the club thusly: "it provides an outlet for alleged comedians to perform once a week – but in spite of this they do good work for The American Legion through the establishment of memorial funds and other charitable works."

What he was talking about was this. Eight years ago the club established an unrestricted memorial fund to be administered by The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation in the conduct of the Rehabilitation and Child Welfare Programs of The American Legion.

Each year since then, the club has selected one or more names of outstanding deceased members of the club to be added to the memorial list.

For each name so added, the club contributes an amount of money either

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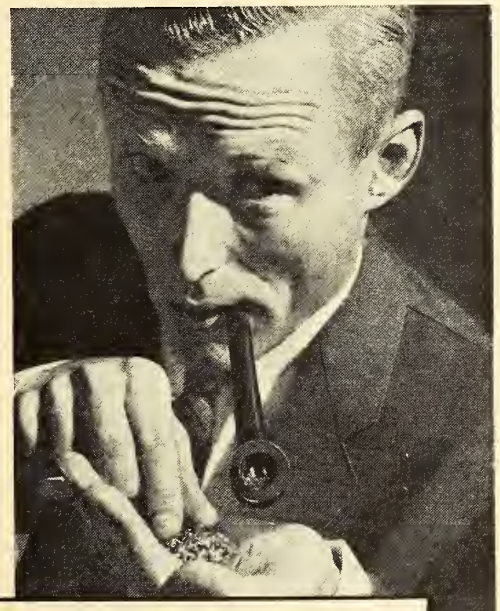

Kentucky Burley—dark flakes, slow burning
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to the Endowment Fund or to the American Cancer Society, in memory of that person.

It is an idea that could very well be copied by every post and department in The American Legion.

Today the club membership comprises some 600 members from every state and outlying departments. Colonel J. Monroe Johnson of Washington has for many years been its guiding personality.

The late Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson of the U.S. Supreme Court was the first name selected for the memorial list, in 1953.

Since then, seventeen other names of distinguished Legionnaires have been added to the Endowment Fund list and one name to the American Cancer Society list.

The most recent name added (to the Endowment Fund list) was that of the late Watson B. Miller of Washington—perhaps the greatest figure in the early development of The American Legion's work and influence in the rehabilitation of war veterans.

From 1923 to 1941 he was director of the Legion's national rehabilitation service and later assistant administrator of the Federal Security Agency under President Roosevelt. From 1945-57 he was head of that agency, forerunner of the present U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Miller's importance to The American Legion and to the world of veterans' affairs can best be summed up in the words of past Nat'l Cmdr Harry W. Colmery, president of the Endowment Fund Corporation.

"The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation acknowledges, with grateful appreciation, the donation of the Post Mortem Club in the amount of $100 in the memory of Watson B. Miller, long a distinguished member of your club.

"We are honored to have Watson Miller's name added to the memorial list of The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation. It carries with it the significance with respect to The American Legion's program of rehabilitation as does that of Watson B. Miller.

"For he it was who dared to take the bare earth and mold it into his heart's desire to rehabilitate his disabled comrade and care for his widow and orphaned children, by plowing the soil, sowing the seed, and tenderly cultivating and nourishing the tender sprout of rehabilitation until he saw it burst forth in full bloom of maturity and yield a harvest of good works for the veterans of American wars and their widows and children.

"The name of Watson B. Miller symbolizes the rehabilitation program of The American Legion."

GUIDING LIGHT:

Flame Of Freedom

The flame has become a symbol in memory of the dead in war.

At Brussels, Belgium, as at Paris, a flame burns night and day — as in a sanctuary — on the Tomb of the *Collone du Congres.*

For many years The American Legion — prior to Veterans Day, Nov. 11 — has sent a torch to Belgium to be included in the annual Parade of Torches with torches from Paris, Le Havre, London, Washington and other points around the world.

These flames, carried by veterans, are

Legion's Freedom Torch

brought by converging march — transmitted from one part of the world to another — to the Belgian capital to be extinguished at nightfall on Nov. 11 before the Tomb of the *Collone du Congres.*

As in former years, American Legion Post 1 in Antwerp has sent a "Freedom Torch" to Washington to be lighted in the name of all American veterans. The torch is then returned to Belgium and is carried in the "Sacred Relay" which converges at the Tomb in Brussels.

National Commander Charles L. Bacon lighted the torch for this year's solemn ceremonies on the steps of the American Legion's Washington office on Oct. 2nd. Assisting was Major Baudoin Van Remootere, Belgium's assistant Military Attache for Air.

The torch was returned to Antwerp by air in time for The American Legion post there to use it in the Brussels' Veterans Day ceremonies last month.

Meanwhile in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 11, Veterans Day ceremonies were conducted in the amphitheater at the Arlington National Cemetery with President John F. Kennedy as the main speaker.

Military Attaches from the embassies of Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Israel and Mexico accompanied by Representatives of The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, VFW, Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans and AMVETS participated in a similar torch bearing ceremony immediately preceding President Kennedy's address.

OUTER MONGOLIA:

Definitely, No!

A firm stand against the admission of Outer Mongolia into the United Nations has long been the policy of the Lt. B. R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291, New York, N.Y.

Recently post commander James R. Chinn, directed a letter to President John F. Kennedy commending the President's decision to cancel the United States' plan of establishing diplomatic relations with Outer Mongolia.

The letter was translated into the Chinese language and was published by all the Chinese newspapers in the United States.

A copy of the original letter was sent to General Chiang Kai-Shek, President of Nationalist China, Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa) and to the China Daily in Taipei for publication.

Post 1291 is very active in community service work in the Chinese community of New York City.

Nat'l Cmdr Charles A. Bacon also forwarded letters to both the Secretary of State and the Ambassador to the United Nations in accordance with resolutions adopted at the recent national convention of The American Legion in Denver opposing the admission of Outer Mongolia and Red China to the United Nations.

(Editor's Note — In late October, Outer Mongolia was admitted as a member of the United Nations by a majority vote of that body).

CHILD WELFARE:

New Guide Manuals

Two new publications edited by The American Legion's Nat'l Child Welfare Commission are now available for distribution to departments, posts and Auxiliary units.

The American Legion Child Welfare Program is a 16-page illustrated and concise summary of the Legion's 1962 major child welfare objectives, purpose, principles, methods of operation and specific recommended actions to be taken.

Main topics covered in this new booklet are juvenile delinquency, physical fitness programs, adoptions, mentally ill and emotionally disturbed children, and physically handicapped children.

These topics have been featured in order to focus on the particular areas of need in the Child Welfare Program in 1962.

The Child Welfare Guide, completely rewritten, is designed for use as a hand-

book by the post and Auxiliary unit child welfare chairmen.

Write to: National Child Welfare Division, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind., for specific requests.

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This record is an expertly done, beautifully recorded, collection of familiar pieces played by John Klein on the $56,000, 183-bell electro-mechanical carillon that American Legion Post 1, of Denver, recently gave to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The fantastic carillon, made to order by Schulmerich Carillons, Inc., of Sellersville, Pa., brings to one of the world's oldest forms of music a new di-

Bells of Peace

mension, whose recordability astonishes the ear on first hearing it. There is no notable difference, it seems, between playing the recording in your home, and standing beneath Pike's Peak as the amazing electronic bells roll their rich music out across the Air Force Academy and onto the plains.

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FATHER & SON:

Exceptional Service

Post 11, Thibodaux, Louisiana, recently gave one of its few life membership awards to Harvey Peltier, Jr. His father, Harvey Peltier, Sr., one of only four other members so honored, had the pleasure of making the formal award.

The Thibodaux post, an exemplary community institution, reserves its life

Peltier, Sr.

Peltier, Jr.

membership award for members who have rendered exceptional service to The American Legion.

The younger Peltier, a WW2 vet, has been the Louisiana Legion's state legislative chairman since 1958, and is a member of the Legion's National Legislative Commission. His father, long an outstanding leader of the post, received its first life membership award in 1950.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

● 17.5 percent of the class which entered the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. this term were ex-Boys' Staters. Of the entire corps of cadets there, 16.3 percent are ex-Boys' Staters.

● The Oklahoma American Legion conducted its first American Legion Leadership College, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, on the North Campus, Oklahoma University, Norman.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

Billy Anderson, Dep't Cmdr (1956-57) and now alternate Nat'l Executive Committeeman of the Florida American Legion, elected chmn of the Florida Department Veterans' Affairs Commission.

John J. Wicker, Jr., an American Legion Founder, former Virginia State Senator and Dep't Cmdr (1923-24) of the Virginia American Legion, reelected chmn of the Virginia War Memorial Commission.

Harold A. Shindler, Dep't Cmdr of the Indiana American Legion (1938-39) and a present member of the Legion's Nat'l Publications Commission, appointed commandant of the Indiana State Soldiers' Home at Lafayette, Ind.

E. Meade Wilson, Nat'l Executive Committeeman of the Florida American Legion since 1946, appointed assistant to the vice president of International Minerals and Chemical Corporation Plant Food Division, Mulberry, Fla.

Rodney C. Anderson of Indianapolis, appointed as a member of the Legion's

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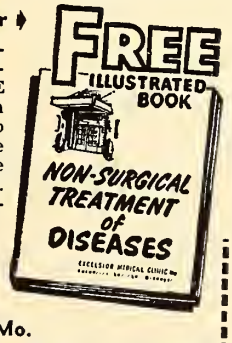

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POSTS IN ACTION

Items from our 16,753 posts: Those of most general interest and widest geographical spread are selected, with apologies for the hundreds of others that are so kindly reported to the editors.

Sports Center—Post 248, Colonia, N. J., conducts a regularly scheduled outdoor sports program for family groups at Legion Park in that community.

Navy Memorial—Post 10, Wilmington, N. C., started off a $250,000 state-wide fund drive with a $1,000 contribution, to permanently enshrine the famous WW2 battleship, USS North Carolina, in that city as a memorial to all veterans.

Prayer Cards—Post 854, Valley Stream, N. Y., has allocated $2000 to pay the cost of printing and distribution of travelers prayer cards through local service stations and Grace cards through local restaurants during the next year.

Meter Hats—Post 329, Elizabethtown, Pa., sponsored a new approach toward displaying patriotism on Labor Day by covering all parking meters in town with a paper bag "Patriotic Meter Hat" carrying the message "Display Your Flag Today."

Protection—Post 155, Tchula, Miss., has leased a fire engine from the city of Jackson in order to provide the community with proper fire protection.

Juvenile Aids—Post 47, Chicago, Ill., as a community service, is cooperating with the Illinois Crime Prevention Bureau and the Chicago Police Dept., in the distribution of literature to parents and children in the area concerning the danger of youth molesters, bicycle safety tips, laws and suggestions for youths and parents, juvenile delinquency problems, and gun safety tips.

Fallout Help—Post 72, Sturgeon Bay, Wisc., built a fallout shelter in its new post home to be used for demonstration purposes for local residents. The Door County Civil Defense Agency furnished equipment for the shelter.

Real Friends—Post 593, Prunedale, Calif., paid the mortgage on the home of a post member, cut the grass once a week, and bought groceries for his family, while the member was confined to a hospital.

Flags—Post 112, Meyersdale, Pa., recently presented 20 new American Flags to the Meyersdale Elementary School and will continue to furnish new flags to the school district whenever they are needed.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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Nat'l Public Relations staff in the Indianapolis office.

Brigadier General Joseph J. Foss, a member of The American Legion Nat'l Aeronautics and Space Committee, elected president of the Air Force Association.

Joe Foss

General Foss, who served two terms as Governor of South Dakota, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his outstanding service as a U.S. Marine Corps pilot in the southwest Pacific during World War 2.

He is now commissioner of the new American Football League.

Harry W. Cayce, formerly assistant to the general manager of the Nat'l Emblem Sales of The American Legion (1958-59), named as Dep't Adjt of the New Mexico American Legion.

Drew Cloud, Dep't Adjt of the New Mexico American Legion (1960-61), resigned to take a position with the Federal government.

R. J. Laird, Dep't Adjt of the Iowa American Legion since 1925, elected an honorary Past Dep't Cmdr.

Ernest A. Rowton, resigned as Dep't Adjt of the Florida American Legion, to be replaced by Nat'l Field Representative **Ralph Johnson.**

Died:

Thomas B. Egan, Dep't Service Officer of the Delaware American Legion since 1946 and Dep't Adjt (1950-56); on Oct. 18, in Wilmington, Del.

Charles H. Hudelson, Dep't Cmdr of the Idaho American Legion (1939-40) and commandant of the Idaho Soldiers' Home in Boise at the time of his death; on Oct. 6, in Nampa, Idaho.

Walter W. Schnell, member of The American Legion Nat'l Emblem Committee since 1957; on Sept. 14, in Buffalo, N.Y.

Michael J. Mellett, a nat'l field representative of The American Legion since 1955 in the Delaware, New Jersey and eastern New York areas; on Sept. 1, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Irving M. Mumford, Dep't Cmdr of the South Dakota American Legion (1940-41); on Oct. 2, in Howard, S.D.

Cale E. Burgess, Dep't Adjt (1920-22) and Nat'l Executive Committeeman (1922-23) of the North Carolina American Legion, and a member of the Legion's Nat'l Distinguished Guests Committee (1950-1961); in Sept., in Raleigh, N.C.

Joseph H. Edgar, Dep't Cmdr of the New Jersey American Legion (1932-33); recently.

Pearl E. Waite, Nat'l Executive Committeeman of the Missouri American Legion (June 1954-July 25, 1954); on Aug. 30, in Jefferson City, Mo.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these comrades are urged to do so.

Notices are run at the request of The American Legion Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission. They are not accepted from other sources.

Readers wanting Legion help with claims should contact their local service officers.

Service officers unable to locate needed witnesses for claims development should refer the matter to the Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission through normal channels, for further search before referral to this column.

Army

Hq & Hq & C.T. 83rd Arty Bn, Fort Benning, Ga.—Benton M. Carr. Any member who was stationed with this veteran in July or August, 1928, and has knowledge of his being injured when thrown from a horse, please contact him at Rte 2, Box 312, Jacksonville, Ala. Claim pending.

141st QM Co (Truck)—William E. "Bill" Townsend. Needs to hear from Frederick W. Dare, Donald P. Miller, Frank P. Pulcini, Frank W. Sortwell, William A. Sipe and William J. Meehan who saw diesel fuel drum fall on Townsend, injurying his back, in White Horse, Yukon Territory, Canada, Sept. 1942. Write to: John Schreiber, Jr., Concordia Parish Service Officer, Louisiana Dept. of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 7, Ferriday, La. Claim pending.

43rd Div, 169th Inf Regt—Ben D. Daigle. Needs information from former buddy, Herman LeClair, Connecticut, who knows nature of his injury. Contact Daigle at: 205 N. Bellard St., Church Point, La. Claim pending.

Perry Institute, Yakima, Wash.—Marcus David Lee. This Army veteran, serial #14 124 072, enlisted at Ft. Jackson, S. C. Hands frostbitten in Nov. 1942, at Yakima while encamped at Air Force Base there and attending aircraft propeller instruction at above named institute. Later hospitalized at 13th Air Force Field Hospital on Biak Island in South Pacific. Needs name of doctor at field hospital and names of any comrades at Yakima, who recall the incident. Contact Lee at: 2807 Wildwood Drive, Greensboro, N. C. Claim pending.

Air

5th Installations Sqd (SAC), Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, Calif.—James Lee Branson. Desires to hear from a Gayle Hill and a Douglas Schmidt, addresses unknown, who served with him at Travis AFB. These men appeared with Branson in a photograph bearing the identification "Flight 45, January 1956, Parks Air Force Base." Contact: W. H. Ranney, Assistant Director, South Dakota Veterans Dept., c/o Veterans Administration Center, Sioux Falls, S. D. Claim pending.

Special

Former P.O.W.s captured at Tobruk, Libya, North Africa, in 1943 and hospitalized in Ultra Mura Hospital—Ian Cameron, South Africa. This Sgt/Major, South African Artillery, was wounded with the following U.S. Army veterans in and around Kazerine Pass in 1943 and desires to locate them: Joe Latham, PFC, infantry, born Augusta, Ky., wounded in forearm; "Chuck" Swanson or Swansen, Michigan, lost a leg and several fingers, also wounded in arm, was in light tanks, later transferred to Stalag 344 in Ober Silesia, had been employed by American Express; and "Trapper" Robinson, believed born in Missouri of Scottish stock, was rigger in California oilfields, wounded by shell when in light tank. Contact: Wilfred Smith, Ex-Services "R.S.V.P." Scheme, 118 North Road, Preston, Lancs, England.

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Great Depression left him short of funds to continue immediately in law school. He took a year off and worked for a while in a clothing store and then as a laborer for the Army Engineers on Missouri Valley flood control projects.

In 1931 he entered the Law School of the University of Missouri at Columbia, Mo.

His record in law school was outstanding. Bacon was on the board of editors of the U. of Missouri Law Review and President of the Law School Student Body.

In 1933, a year before his graduation, he passed the Missouri bar examinations and was admitted to the bar. During his final year in law school, he practiced law in Columbia in the office of R. M. Hulen, later a Federal Judge.

On graduating in 1934, Bacon was awarded the Shepard Barclay Prize to be given to that University of Missouri Law School student "who, in the opinion of the Trustees, has attained the highest and best grade and scholarship and who has exerted the highest and best moral influence in the school."

He returned home to Marshall where, from 1934 to 1941, he practiced general and trial law in partnership with Robert Johnson. When Johnson was elected to the bench in 1941, Bacon formed the law firm of James & Bacon in Marshall with A. L. James.

The years 1941-42 provided other landmarks in Commander Bacon's life, military and marital. Bacon had first met Helen Selvidge (now Mrs. Bacon) while he was at the University of Missouri. A native of Nashville, Tenn., who grew up in Columbia, Mo., she was a member of a faculty family at the university. Her father, Engineering Professor Robert W. Selvidge, was the author of a famous series of manuals on industrial arts, and a U. S. consultant for European railroads after WW1. Her mother, the late Mrs. Ivy Harner Selvidge, had established the school of home economics at Purdue.

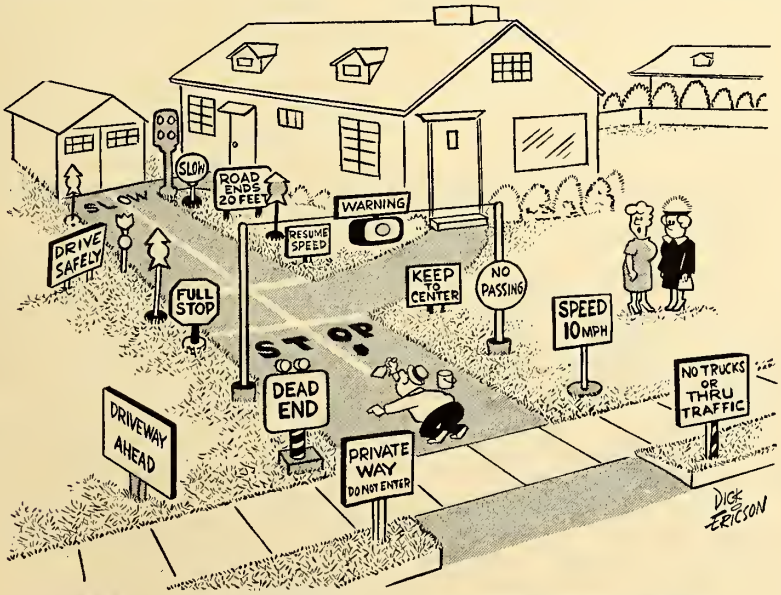
In 1941, after a career in teaching of her own, and studies at universities from California to France, Helen Selvidge returned to Missouri and in December she became Mrs. Bacon.

The Bacons have a daughter, Sharon (Mrs. Charles Rule), of New York City; and a son, Charles L. Bacon, Jr., now a high school student in Kansas City, one of whose hobbies is smothering a wall map with pins marking his father's travels for The American Legion.

In 1940, the Missouri National Guard's 138th Infantry was called up "for training." Like many another "training outfit" in 1940 and 1941, it "never got back"—that is until WW2 was over. In 1941, Missouri formed a State Guard to fill in at home for its absent National Guard. Lawyer Bacon, in his early thirties, joined the State Guard and was commanding officer of the Marshall unit.

After Pearl Harbor, the Missouri State Guard began to lose its younger members fast. It lost its Marshall commanding officer in June, 1942, when the Navy commissioned him a Lt (jg), and sent its new legal talent to communications school in Los Angeles.

Bacon had applied for duty several months earlier while on a business trip to Chicago. He ruefully recalls that he



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questioned the Navy's logic in making a communicator of an attorney just once. "If you think you can learn, the Navy can teach you," was the answer.

The Navy, which badly needed communicators, was right. The Missouri lawyer learned communications so well that he was snatched out of a draft of seven officers for South Pacific duty and returned to Los Angeles to be an instructor of amphibious communications.

There he stayed making new communicators until April, 1944 when he was sent to the big Seabee base at Camp Peary, Va., where 70,000 men were in training.

There his profession was put to use as he became a legal officer and then provost marshal at Camp Peary.

The nearby 5th Naval District took him on detached duty for some of its legal and personnel work.

The Navy separated Bacon in March, 1946, with the rank of Lieut. Commander. He returned to his law practice with James & Bacon in Marshall, Mo.

The Legionnaires in Marshall, Mo. had known Bacon all his life and particularly wanted to enroll him in the Legion, now that his World War 2 service had made him eligible.

Bacon was a desirable prospect. He had always been a part of civic affairs in Marshall. He was the youngest local Chamber of Commerce president in Missouri. He was an active Mason, a member of the Board of Deacons of the Presbyterian Church, a Sunday School teacher, an organizer of Ban Johnson Baseball in Missouri for young men 18 to 21, a trustee of Missouri Valley College.

Professionally he stood high. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Missouri Integrated Bar, Missouri's equivalent of a state bar association.

Bacon was and is rated AV, the highest rating of a lawyer in *Martindale Hubble*, the "The Dun & Bradstreet" of the legal profession, whose ratings are based on reports of the judges and attorneys who daily serve in the same courts. Today he is certified to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1946, a committee of three members of Marshall's American Legion Post 191 made exactly the right appeal to a man with Bacon's proved instincts for civic duty and leadership. The committee called on him, laid down a copy of the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion, said, "Look this over and we'll be back"—and departed.

Bacon read the 117 words of that document for the first time:

"For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:
"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
"To maintain law and order;
"To foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism;
"To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars;
"To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation;
"To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
"To make Right the master of Might;
"To promote peace and good will on earth;
"To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;
"To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Five years earlier, novelist Mary Roberts Rinehart had said that the Legion Preamble was "a document of utmost importance, whose wonderful words—which thrill and please—say so much in so little to express the Americanism that we all still feel."

Fifteen years later, at the Legion convention in Denver which elected Charles L. Bacon National Commander, his fellow Missourian, former President Harry S. Truman, said that "Next to the Constitution of the United States, the Legion Preamble is one of the real documents for the welfare and benefit of the people of this country."

In 1946, Bacon felt exactly the same way. He took the Preamble home and read it to Mrs. Bacon.

"That's what I'm for, too," he told her. "It's simple, fundamental, true. What a spread it has! This is nothing just for the advantage of one group."

Within a year Bacon was second vice commander (program leader), then first vice commander of the Marshall Post 191. He attached himself to Legion programs that would further the Legion as an agent of its Preamble.

He was instrumental in accelerating the basic programs in his post—the school programs, Oratorical Contest, Boys State. Boy Scout work was stepped up, and the post brought knowledgeable public speakers to the Marshall courthouse, such as Robert Claggett, who had been prosecutor at the Nurenburg trials.

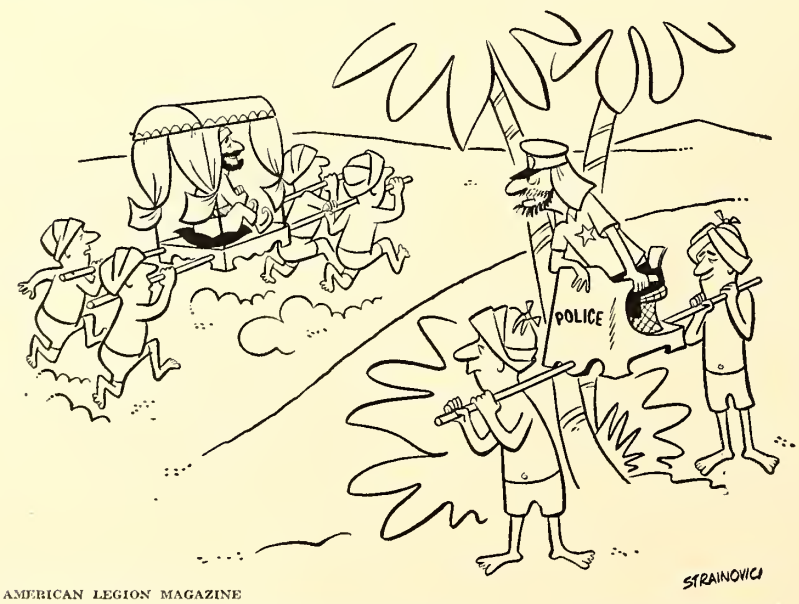
In 1948, Missouri's state Legion called on Bacon's legal abilities and made him Department Judge Advocate. That year he became known from one end of the state to the other, and grew in the Legion, thanks to assignments given to him by Department Commander John Jeffries, Hannibal, Mo., newspaper man. Commander Jeffries recognized in Bacon a public speaker—for things American—of unusually persuasive warmth, sincerity and sense. Jeffries asked Bacon if he would take on many of Jeffries' normal speaking assignments and official visits. Bacon accepted and traveled the length and breadth of the state acting for his Commander, and pleasing Legion and non-Legion groups alike with his appearances.

Missouri Legionnaires immediately tabbed Bacon as a desirable future state Commander, and in 1949 gave him experience in a different aspect of state leadership — that of Senior Vice Commander and membership chairman.

In 1950 Bacon was elected Missouri's first WW2 state American Legion commander. His year was marked by the outbreak of the Korean War and by the need for administrative reforms within the state American Legion. Following WW2, the Missouri American Legion had more than doubled in size, and its internal organization needed readjustment to its new proportions.

Bacon appointed a five-man reorganization committee, whose recommendations for overhaul of the state Legion offices and financial and budgeting procedures were adopted by Missouri Legionnaires.

During the same year, the Missouri American Legion did an outstanding job of honoring and dignifying the depar-



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ture from their home towns of Missouri's young men who were called into active service in the Korean War.

In 1951, Post 191 in Marshall stood in need of an adjutant. Bacon, just stepping down from the state Commandership, took the job for a year.

At the same time he was appointed to The American Legion's national Merchant Marine Committee.

In 1956 he was named to the Legion's national Housing Committee, and in 1957 to its national Aeronautics Committee (later, Aeronautics & Space), on which he contined to serve down to his election to the National Commandership in September 1961.

The American Legion was not the only organization that had noticed Bacon with increasing favor. In 1952 the Skelly Oil Company invited him to drop his law practice in Marshall, move 85 miles to Kansas City, and take over as chief counsel of Skelly's marketing division. For the next four years, the handling of corporation defense litigation involving constant travel to Washington and to the courts of other states, was a large part of his work.

In 1956, Bacon left Skelly and turned to a broader field of practice. He became a partner in Sebree, Shook, Hardy and Ottman, a firm of fifteen attorneys who handle trial, tax, corporate and real estate work. That remains his present professional association.

Very little of the personal qualities of the Legion's new Commander have come through in this sketch of his life, except for what is implied about his ability and personality by the course of his life, by the activities with which he has associated himself, and by the snowballing trust that those who know him best have placed in him.

He is endowed with a good and warm sense of humor, an infectious smile which he does not use sparingly, a companionable habit of speech, an ear for listening. He is fond of the outdoors, of hunting, of dogs.

Commander Bacon is very much what the photograph of him that accompanies these words suggests. He is not a "character" — even in the sense that some great men have been "characters".

In a roomful of men, he is not the one who immediately commands the eye. When he speaks, he does not say the things that set epigrammists dancing for joy. Instead, he is the one who seems to grow on you long after you have tired of the "characters."

Yet there is always *something* extraordinary about a man who continually rises in leadership. Charles L. Bacon has the ordinary qualities that we look for in anyone on whom we seek to rely — such very ordinary things as sincerity, friendliness, clarity of judgment and self expression, genuineness, capacity for hard work, persuasiveness, general ability, charm (whatever that illusive thing is), and sound convictions about the things we care most about.

What then, is extraordinary about him?

A committee of Missourians decided that he was Missouri's best candidate for Legion's highest office. He went forth and campaigned in other states, and wherever he went, others agreed with Missouri. Not only did he become the delegates' candidate, but the candidates' candidate. No other aspirants for the same office chose to oppose him in 1961. Which pretty well says what's extraordinary about National Commander Charles L. Bacon. He has the ordinary qualities that we look for in a leader — to an extraordinary degree.

Said *The Kansas City Star,* in a warm editorial following Bacon's election to the leadership of The American Legion: ". . . Bacon ought to be a standout leader of this country's biggest veterans organization. Integrity and intelligence have marked his career here . . . and in his home town of Marshall, Mo. . . . Calm and easy-going in appearance, he is a dynamo of energy . . . The Legion, we predict, will have a whirlwind year under the leadership of Charlie Bacon . . ."

THE END

TV: ARE YOU WATCHING IT MORE AND ENJOYING IT LESS?

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motivations has revealed that the average human hears *only every third word* when he is shouted at. It could be true, I suppose, since the human ear is composed of three parts—inner, outer and middle ear—and so anything like to bounce off two of them should be safely trapped by the third. People say, "Hunh?" but not many say, "Hunh? Hunh? Hunh?"

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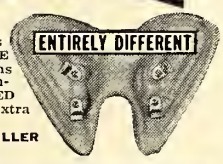

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in the right-hand slot," says the TV announcer, patting a scientific testing device designed especially for the U.S. Air Force and constructed, it would seem, out of several old shoeboxes, some clothespins and the dial from a Big Ben alarm clock. "And in the left-hand slot," he goes on, "we pour a helping of Omadunk fortified with the secret wonder drug Oompah. And now let's see what happens. . . ."

Always in sympathy with the underdog, I pray that for once Brand X will win. But it never does.

"Notice how Brand X remains slimy and loathsome," crows the demonstrator, and it does—and so does he. But it's the Oompah in the Omadunk that has done it again.

I must admit that, as with the Rule of Three, the Secret Ingredient also enjoys plenty of historical precedent. The Borgia family certainly knew a thing or two about secret ingredients, to judge by the way their guests kept collapsing at dinner. So did Mickey Finn. Voodoo princesses and obeah men had them by the sackful. And while the Good Book doesn't say, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the hair shampoo which Samson used was fortified with something pretty special.

And while the mind may reel at the televised information that "Dr. Querp's Aperient Compound contains not just one, but *six* secret ingredients—670/17, AC-DC 115, Cromia, HiPruf, HMS, and OPA-PWA," it must not forget that such a prodigal concoction may well date back to "Macbeth's" witches who, in their cauldron, boiled and baked:

Eye of newt and toe of frog,
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork and blind-worm's sting,
Lizard leg and howlet's wing. . . .

It is such attention to wonder additives that has brought us so far along today health-wise (as they say on Madison Avenue). It also has made possible all the NEW IMPROVED products. And if you will show me one single product—no matter how ancient—which, according to its television commercial, it not NEW and IMPROVED, then I will show you Brand X.

Nevertheless, while I may be confused by such statements that "New improved Zizz calms stomach distress with Upchuk," I am not impressed.

To me, practically all ingredients are secret. There is no product I use of which I could name a single ingredient, with the possible exception of cigarettes (tobacco), coffee (coffee beans) and booze (booze). Ask me to name one ingredient in toothpaste, and my guess would be, "Teeth." After all, I am a consumer and not a chemist. And if you want to tell me that cranberries are the miracle ingredient in cranberry sauce, I shall be happy to accept it as fact (although one Thanksgiving I found a roach in mine).

But I do have one small concern that is growing bigger every day. It is something which occurred to me that may not have occurred to all those brilliant chemical engineers who do the TV commercials. (Redstone rocket fuel scientists, better paste this in your hats):

Every secret ingredient must contain other ingredients!

So it will not surprise me at all if, one day, a customer in a suburban shopping center will drop a box of Instant Rice Pudding fortified with Jetsin, and —barometric and temperature conditions being just right—it will fission every last secret ingredient molecule of Illium, GL-177, Garble, Polaroidantine 5, Dermadung, Xylofoam, Activated Subgum, Stimuclon, Penetroloxydrone, RBI, and Glunk Additive in every last tube, bottle, box and handy plastic spray can of triple-acting toothpowder, 12-way liver tablets, foaming detergent, jiffy cake mixes, roll-off deodorants, fast-fading car waxes, all-purpose bug exterminators, healing shave creams, and canned tomatoes that will in turn touch off a chain nuclear reaction from coast to coast, and—*Pouf!*

It is entirely possible that an ingredient-happy Madison Avenue will put us all on the moon before Khrushchev ever lands a single Russian.

This expectation may cheer some, but not me. I rather long for the days when products bore such overt brand names as Dr. King's New Discovery Wizard Oil, Holloway's Universal Pills, and The Great Chinese Corn, Bunion & Wart Remover. Then if there was any ingredient, they would tell you right out, "This is pure snake oil." Things were simpler then, and maybe our bodies were the better for it (Mine was, because in those days I could tie my shoelaces without getting out of breath). Which leads us right into Study No. 3, or

Abstract Anatomy

What Picasso has done for the human form in art, television commercials have done for the human insides in anatomy. If my working parts resemble in any way the medical charts that I view nightly on television, then I am going right off to bed. And don't bother phoning the doctor. Get the plumber!

The schooldays theory that our bodies operated on circulatory, respiratory and nervous systems is shot, and those frogs I had to dissect were obviously phonies. Now, according to TV commercials, it would seem we actually are put together from old fish bowls and parts from Junior's Erector Set. Today, when a fighter is said to have a "glass jaw," I am perfectly willing to take it literally.

When I think of all the hours I wasted watching Dr. Kildare movies, I could cry. I might have waited until television came along and gotten the straight dope. Dr. Kildare patently was a fraud with his hocus-pocus of sutures and scalpels. What good are mere threads and razor-like instruments when tinkering with old gear boxes and rusty pipes?

It is just possible that the scientists who create these TV ads may be right (At least they can out-shout the medical profession). Because there are some mornings when, upon awakening, I definitely hear things go "Clank" inside me.

"Aha," I say, "it's that damn hammer again!" Then I try to remember what the man on TV said I should do about it, and, failing in this, simply turn my eyes to the wall and await the end.

But I can't deny that today, thanks to television, we can all take a crack at being our own diagnosticians. Not only that; it is now possible to become one's own surgeon. All you need is a simple do-it-yourself kit of tools that may be borrowed from Joe, the garageman. The following ailments and treatments will show how easy it is, although I'm naturally not telling all since the boys in the American Medical Association must eat too.

Bacteria on the Skin: If you suffer from this, do not despair. You are not alone. According to TV medicine men, the human epidermis is crawling with bacteria, and don't ask *me* how they got there. You know better than I do what you've been up to.

Cure: Skin bacteria may be effectively removed by scrubbing with a blackboard eraser. Oh yes, it works. I've seen it done a thousand times on TV.

Upper Head Troubles: The troubles in the upper head are Tension, Pain and Jittery Nerves. In fact, each of these troubles has its own separate loft or manufacturing plant, and together they take up the whole top half of your skull, leaving little or no space for brains (But who needs brains for watching television?).

The Pain compartment occupies the center head and is, in fact, a restoration of Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith" shop where,

"You can hear him swing his heavy sledge,
With measured beat and slow,
Like a sexton ringing the village bell,
When the evening sun is low."

Tension and Jittery Nerves, to the right and left of Pain, are substations of the Tennessee Valley Authority and are plagued by short circuits.

Cure: I don't rightly recall, but if you try the wrong thing, it will lead to stomach upset. (See Stomach Upset.)

Lower Head Troubles: The nose bone is fastened to the S-zone, and the S-zone is fastened to the throat bone, and the . . . Well, that's the general idea of the

lower head. The S-, or Sinus, zone is shaped rather like a beer spigot, although there are no coils for icing. It keeps getting clogged up.

Cure: Hold a large mirror to your nostrils and try to breathe. This is known among TV medical men as the Nosegraph Test, or something. (Incidentally, they used to check corpses this way in the old days before burying them.)

Center Head Troubles: Just as the SAC is based in the center of the U.S., the Cough Control Center is headquartered in the middle of our heads, about level with the ears (Ever notice how the human ear is always ignored by TV's anatomical artists? I don't think they can draw it). Anyway, it is interesting to observe how people's Cough Control Centers suddenly go haywire in the movies just when the plot tightens and the actors speak in whispers.

Cure: If the fellow in back of you at the theater suffers from a broken-down CCC, turn around and hit him in his center head.

Stomach Upset: The stomach is a globular, transparent organ resembling a glass fish-net float. It is filled with A's and B's swimming about in acid, goes, "Drip, drip, drip," and is attached to the head by a section of rain spouting that is constantly in need of coating action. That the stomach is only upset part of the time is a miracle. Remedies aimed at the upper head (See Pain, Tension and Jittery Nerves) sometimes fall down into the stomach and then—Watch out!

Cure: Consume 87 times your weight in stomach acid.

But educational as some of these commercials would seem to be—judging by the foregoing, I must confess I am pretty bored with having my innards dragged out before my eyes every time I sit down to be entertained. If I want lessons in anatomy, I'll enroll at Johns Hopkins. And that goes for secret ingredients and courses in miracle chemistry.

As for TV's Rule of Three—Well, it's too much like those cheerleaders, or as Hamlet said to Polonius, "Words, words, words."

From all of these I want relief. And I want it fast, fast, fast. THE END

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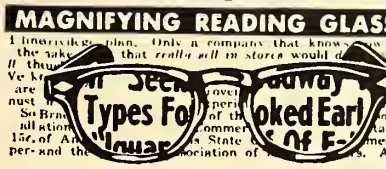

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The same pattern of "class struggle" and famine has followed the communist takeover in China. Mao Tze-tung and his comrades have killed millions (some estimates are as high as 30 million) and enslaved the rest. They have driven the peasants into anthill communes and created a huge police force and Red army to hold on to their power. With enormous fanfare they launched their industrialization campaign and boasted of the "great leaps forward" that would make Red China invincible. They intervened in the Korean war, bludgeoned Tibet into submission, seized Indian territory, and are taking over Laos. Their ambitious program calls for the conquest of South Viet-Nam, Malaya, Burma, Thailand, and all Southeast Asia.

But there is one glaring Red Chinese weakness—lack of food. Unless the Red army is well fed, there is always the danger of mutiny. Unless factory workers have enough to eat, they can't turn out the work. The Soviet Union, itself short of food, can't help its Chinese ally. In his increasingly critical food crisis, Mao Tze-tung has had to look to the free world for help. And he has found it.

Our neighbors, the Canadians, have responded enthusiastically to Mao's plea. And, sad to say, so have the Australians. Red China has contracted to buy half a billion dollars worth of grain from Canada and Australia. This food will be used by Mao to feed the armies that are slated to conquer Southeast Asia. Before long, American troops may be fighting Red invaders of South Viet-Nam or Thailand who are fed on Canadian and Australian food. And Red China, mind you, is still technically at war with the United Nations.

Is it any wonder that our good friends the Filipinos are aghast? Is it any wonder that our SEATO alliance is threatened with disintegration? That neutralism is gaining ground in Thailand, Pakistan, and other SEATO nations? That Japan is flirting with neutralism and exchanging delegations with Red China?

As if the Canadian-Red Chinese grain deal itself weren't bad enough, our northern neighbors wanted us to ship them equipment to unload Canadian food in Chinese ports. Quite justifiably we put an embargo on such exports. The Canadians were highly indignant. So we held out—for about 48 hours! Then we caved in and agreed to send the Canadians the pumps they needed to unload their grain in Red China. Never mind the Americans still in Red Chinese prisons! Never mind about all the American soldiers taken prisoner in Korea by the Red Chinese and still unaccounted for.

Unfortunately, however, our own record in this food matter hasn't been very intelligent or consistent. So far, it is true, we haven't sent food to Red China. But we have given vital help to the Soviet Union and have shipped food to such communist dictatorships as Poland and Yugoslavia. Although the U.S.S.R. has no famine now, it suffers from a perennial food shortage. Although about half the Russian population is still on the farm (against only about 8.7 percent in the U.S.A.) food is in short supply. Meat is often unobtainable even in Moscow, the show-window capital. And if it were not for the small private plots of land (actually gardens) which provide so much of the food on public sale, the Soviet Union would be suffering a severe crisis right now.

The Kremlin has desperately tried to increase agricultural production. More food is needed for the growing population; more is needed to provide an incentive for industrial labor. The soviet leaders realize that, in the face of their food problems, their claims to creation of an earthly paradise are absurd. They know that hunger in the U.S.S.R. makes poor propaganda for communism. But perhaps their most compelling urge to increase agricultural output is their desire to build up a large military reserve of food. Indeed, some observers believe that the Russians' food shortage has served as a brake on their foreign aggression. The soviet food shortage, in other words, has been a factor for peace.

Khrushchev has never hidden his obsessive ambition to speed up the production of grain, milk, butter, meat. If he can force or coax the peasants into giving him the food he wants, he has declared, he will have a weapon "more powerful than the hydrogen bomb." That is the measure of importance he puts on food's role in the cold war.

And why hasn't Khrushchev been able to reach his food production goals? Russia has some of the most fertile black soil in the world. The Russian peasants can work hard and know their soil and climate. Why is it that half the Russian people can't produce enough food to feed the other half adequately?

The answer is the peasant. Ivan loves his soil and wants to own a patch of it. He wants to own his own cottage and some farm animals—to operate as a free farmer. He hates collectivism. Bolshevik officials used to complain to me that the peasant is a "little capitalist." And that is just what he is. Nearly 44 years of soviet tyranny, indoctrination, and propaganda have not been able to change him.

When the bolsheviks were bidding for power back in 1917, they used the slogan: "Bread, land and peace!" They promised land to the peasants. A few years later, however, the communists took the land away from them. In that ruthless collectivization drive, the peasants resisted. Many of them were killed in bloody fighting; others died of the starvation which followed; still others were shipped off in cattle cars to concentration camps in Siberia and Central Asia. An American friend who saw this terrifying persecution of the peasants estimates that about four million of them died. The communists won their collectivization drive, because they had the

"They didn't know what to do with the chrome this year."
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arms and the soldiers. But the peasants remained opponents of communism – using food as a weapon.

Although unorganized, the Russian peasants have continued their stubborn resistance to bolshevism – effective resistance. Since the collectivization of their lands, they have adopted a passive strategy. They loaf on the job, engage in sabotage, steal from the collective farms. Last January 12th the official soviet newspaper *Pravda* (ironically, *Pravda* means truth) quoted Khrushchev as declaring that half of last year's Ukraine corn crop "was pilfered while standing in the fields."

It would, of course, be a damaging admission for Khrushchev to admit to the world that the peasant population hates communism. So he blames his agricultural failure on scapegoats. When he and his Politburo comrades wanted to shoot their colleague, former secret police chief L. Beria, one of the charges made against him was that he had been "sabotaging the farm program." Luckless collective and state farm managers who can't meet food quotas set by the Kremlin are accused of sabotage, capitalist plotting, alcoholism, speculation, and other crimes. Meanwhile, Khrushchev has been telling the poorly fed city people how succulent horse meat is.

Although Khrushchev has stumped the farm regions haranguing the recalcitrant peasants, opened up the "virgin lands" experiment in Kazakhstan, pledged the peasants more consumer goods, and punished scapegoats, the promised food increase has not materialized. How can Khrushchev get the added food production which he says "will be a battering ram with which we will stave in the capitalist system?"

In such distressing circumstances, why not look to America? That is just what Khrushchev did six years ago. An "invitation" to the soviets came from Iowa. It was, of course, snapped up. Deputy Minister of Agriculture V. Matskevich headed the delegation of 12 experts who set out to learn the know-how of American farming. The project was blessed by the White House, the Department of State, and the Department of Agriculture. The President of the United States said "only good" could come from it.

While the soviet delegation was travelling 12,000 miles in America, visiting farms, eating fried chicken dinners, receiving gifts and adulation–and learning our most advanced agricultural techniques–a party of American farm experts was touring the Soviet Union. The latter were busy pointing out to the Russians where soviet methods could be improved, how more crops could be grown to the acre, how manpower could be cut down, how fertilizers and machinery could boost output.

What especially interested the Russians was our corn production. Khrushchev, who calls it the "queen of plants," wants more corn for Russian stomachs and more corn for hog feed. Enough corn would go a long way toward alleviating his food shortage. Corn, he tells his audiences, is "sausage on a stalk." Bolshevism, he exhorts his party workers, will be more acceptable if accompanied by "a piece of bacon and a piece of butter." (And the Red army will be an even more formidable challenge to the free world if it is backed up by a big food reserve at home.)

As this is being written, Khrushchev

"I'm afraid that as a Flamenco Dancer, Arturo is through."

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is excited about a new type of American corn that is said to reach maturity in 60 days. "Our plant breeders must also work at getting such a kind of corn," he told a Kazakhstan audience. And experience justifies him in expecting American cooperation.

As the *U. S. News & World Report* put it: "In the opinion of those who know Soviet agriculture, much of the recent progress traces directly to the exchange of farm delegations that enabled the Russians to tap America's farm know-how in the summer of 1955."

Of one thing we can be certain: if Khrushchev, with American help, can solve his food problem, the Kremlin will begin "dumping" agricultural products on the free world markets in a manner extremely costly for us.

Khrushchev's farm problem includes the captive nations. Right after World War 2 the Soviet Union set out to plunder these unhappy lands. After all, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania, and Hungary had produced not only enough food for their own peoples but also sizable amounts for export. And the Soviet Zone of Germany was the granary of the former Reich. Estonian eggs, Latvian butter, Polish ham, Rumanian and Hungarian wheat, Czechoslovakian poultry and beer–these were a few of the prewar items that made the Eastern European countries famous for their cuisines and their bountiful food output.

Here again the commissars ran up against their old enemy, the peasant. Like their confreres in Russia, the peasants of the captive nations are free enterprisers. Before World War 2 every one of the captive countries had strong peasant parties. Their leaders–men of high intelligence and patriotism like Maniu of Rumania, Mikolajczyk of Poland, Matchek of Yugoslavia – were respected and followed by millions of their fellow countrymen. The communists seized and murdered many of the peasant leaders, but others escaped to the free world.

However, instead of being able to turn the captive nations into breadbaskets and butter tubs for the benefit of the Russians, the Kremlin has had trouble with the peasants right down the line. Peasant resistance has replaced the breadbasket with the breadline. Even today there are food queues in many cities of the captive lands. Indeed, the soviet food plan for these countries has been such a failure that the Russians have had to ship in food from the U.S.S.R., especially for soldiers, miners, and factory workers. Whereas West Germany is prosperous and enjoying abundant food, the hungry Soviet Zone of Germany is on ration cards and threatens renewed anti-communist outbreaks. The peasants of Eastern Europe are still fighting their battle against the communists. They know that food is a crucial weapon in the cold war.

But peasant resistance to bolshevism does not stop at the Iron Curtain. Its principal rallying point is the International Peasant Union, also known as the Green International. Every peasant in the captive nations knows about the I.P.U. and the work it is doing. This was strikingly attested during the uprising of Polish workers at Poznan in 1956. The anti-communist demonstrators carried two flags. the red and white emblem of Poland and the green banner of the I.P.U.

Thirteen peasant parties make up the Green International. All the captive nations and Yugoslavia are represented. The President is former Prime Minister Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of Poland; the Secretary-General is Dr. George M. Dimitrov, former member of the Bulgarian Parliament. These men and their I.P.U. colleagues are our allies.

One of the most significant activities of the Green International operates in Asia. I.P.U. representatives visit the peasants of Japan, India, Indonesia, South Viet-Nam, the Philippines, and other countries. Everywhere they go

they urge the peasants to organize along democratic lines and fight communism. The I.P.U. men have a great asset when working among the Asian peasants. They can address them as "Fellow peasants . . ." And now the Green International is also turning its attention to Africa.

In our effort to save the remaining free nations of Asia and Africa from communism, what can we do to counter the massive Russo-Chinese offensive? The answer has been provided in part by the Green International. For our part we should stress the importance of food in the defense of freedom. Specifically, we should show the peoples of the "developing nations" how "hunger follows communism." We should hammer home the truth that the Asian and African peoples, now short of food, can look for no help from Russia and Red China. Those dictatorships have never been able to solve their own food problems. But the nations of the free world can help the new countries produce the additional food the hungry inhabitants need.

Primitive peoples do not respond to ideological arguments, but they understand the argument of the empty stomach. They should be told what has happened to North Viet-Nam, once known as a "rice bowl." Since the communists took over, this lush Asiatic land has been stalked by hunger. We should mount a hard-hitting psychological offensive by radio, balloons and, if need be, by pamphlets dropped in North Viet-Nam. We should point out to the North Vietnamese that while they are hungry, the South Viet-Namese have plenty to eat.

There is much talk these days about "food for peace." Sending food to the communists is not helping peace. But we can supply food—and supply it generously—to the hungry people who are the targets of the Russo-Chinese drive for world domination. Take, for example, Hong Kong. Hundreds of thousands of refugees from Red China have arrived there with only the rags on their backs.

Many are ill. Why not help these desperate people with food and medicine? But let's make certain that they—and all the others we help—know where this aid comes from.

Let me illustrate what I mean. A few years ago in Belgrade, I learned of an incident which took place during the period of the unlamented UNRRA. Russian officials were, of course, swarming over Yugoslavia making capital of UNRRA aid, although the bulk of it came from the United States. When a shipment of flour was being unloaded at a station, the Russians told the townspeople that the flour was a gift from the Soviet Union. The skeptical Yugoslavs pointed to the sacks with Minneapolis markings. "The flour is from the U.S.S.R.," explained the Russians, "but the Russian people suffered so much from the war that they didn't have any sacks left. So they had to pay the greedy Americans in gold for the sacks to send you this flour."

Yet we have the Letters to the Editor, the eager-beaver committees, and the well-meaning if unthinking humanitarians who demand that we send food to the Red China which exports it. Fortunately, the high command of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. is not among them. On June 27th, meeting at Unity House, Pennsylvania, the top labor leaders urged Congress to mobilize our resources in defense of freedom. In a clear, thoughtful message they called attention to our export of food and machinery to communist dictatorships. They asked the President to take steps to eliminate Government and private practices "which have tended to help the communist bloc alleviate or overcome its own serious economic and political difficulties."

At the very time the labor leaders issued their message, a delegation of Red Rumanian experts was touring our farm states with Government blessing. These communists were here to learn how they can boost their food production, thus bolstering the military economy of the soviet empire. We are, in short, still helping our enemies solve their most pressing problem—encouraging them in their avowed intention to "bury" us.

When are we going to learn from the communists the lesson about food? Food is their Achilles' heel. Let's strike at the Reds where they are most vulnerable.

THE END

HAVE WE THE COURAGE TO SURVIVE?

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lars on popular futilities, but we had no money to push forward an adequate space program to maintain our position as the leading scientific nation in the world. Our officials are afraid of the political consequences of requiring the civilian missile workers to safeguard their country's honor and dignity by not striking while building and servicing these weapons.

Does this involve a sacrifice? Not as great a sacrifice as will be required of all of us when the Russians fire missiles and rockets at us. Who is the public official who speaks out against this betrayal of our country?

Who is the public official who arranged a permit for Owen Lattimore to go to Mongolia? Lattimore's record is a perfect example of the American official who projects his private opinion above the security of his country. It is not amazing that while Lattimore was in Mongolia, there was a hearty agitation to admit Mongolia into the United Nations. Who gave Lattimore a passport to go to Mongolia? What has become of Arturo Montenegro, who, sitting at the Cuban desk of the State Department under the name of William A. Wieland made it easy for Castro to enthrone communism in Cuba? When a Congressional Committee sought to investigate Wieland's activities, great pressure was brought upon it to lie low. And low it has lain, making side-trip investigations which lead to nothing. Who arranged for this? What cowardly argument was used to convince this Committee to suppress the hearings of Wieland? What political consideration was involved?

It is this sort of cowardice which weakens our country and imperils its future. There is no value in talking big and carrying a toothpick. Theodore Roosevelt would not have tolerated the hi-jacking of American planes by Castro's emissaries. Woodrow Wilson would not have accepted the impudence of Khrushchev. When we were a young nation, young and toddling—we dared to say: "Millions for defense but not a cent for tribute."

But today we find ourselves being blackmailed by all sorts of countries, in the glorified name of economic or military aid. The beggars no longer beg; they threaten, and we accept their threats as policy.

What is this disease that has overtaken us? What is its name? What is its diagnosis? It is called cowardice, and the cowardice comes from the enjoyment of comforts and the joys of living. Our officials are cowardly because they reflect the attitude of the people. Who votes for courage? Who votes for dignity? Who votes to bring the boys out of the trenches by Christmas?

Therein lies the diagnosis of our disease—the disease of cowardice.

THE END

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Europe, with Allied sanctions, finally tipped the balance in favor of a more daring course—that of trying to bring not only the China episode but also the whole Asiatic order to a conclusion by means of all-out war. Since this war was what Tojo had been advocating for years, he was the logical candidate to execute the assignment.

If Tojo's present status suggested a return to the feudal pattern, that pattern stemmed from Japan's original one, which had been overlaid rather than replaced by its pseudodemocratic constitution. Japan's bloody revolution, like our own Civil War, and at about that same time, was between North and South. In Japan, however, the North was vanquished—and emotionally and economically—it never completely recovered.

Tojo was born 76 years ago in the Iwate Prefecture, in the bleak, poverty-stricken plains near the north tip of the main island. There, all day every day, through the brief summers, rice-field workers stood knee-deep in the muddy water, the women with their babies tied to their bent backs because there was no other place to leave them.

The Tojos were samurai, members of the fighting aristocracy that had oppressed the nation for the last thousand years, who kept the swords of proud ancestors carefully wrapped in the sacred corner of the family home. Nonetheless, the ugly surroundings of his childhood made a deep impression on young Hideki, and his commendable desire to do something about them fitted into the less commendable family tradition which suggested war as the most obvious method.

Young Tojo's father, Hidenori, was a lieutenant general in the Emperor's Army, renowned as a brilliant strategist during the Russian war of 1904-05. Hideki was just coming of age when the victories of Japan over Russia made the island peoples drunk with pride.

Young Tojo graduated from Tokyo's Imperial Military Academy, was commissioned as a sublieutenant, and served a short term as military attaché in Germany. After WW1 in which Japan had little part—cagily choosing the victors' camp—peace and disarmament were in the air. By 1929 Japan was embarking on a trade offensive, and the army was overshadowed by the influence of prosperous, international-minded civilians. Young officers, heir to the thousand-year-old samurai tradition, resented being overshadowed; they wanted power and attention. At the Kaikosha, the Military Club in Tokyo, they met and hotly discussed their grievances.

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Hideki Tojo was a frequent visitor at the Kaikosha. He knew, better than the fellows from the industrial centers and the sun-bathed South, the meaning of poverty. He would talk, with burning eyes, about the half-starved babies, the haggard men and women of the North. The others listened to him. Was not the army of a nation as strong and as healthy as its people? Tojo's somewhat

"He turned it all into traveler's checks and took it with him."
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lopsided arguments went as follows: starving mothers bore weak sons who made a poor army. To get a better army, Japan had merely to fight a war which would rehabilitate its impoverished areas by adding new sources of raw material. This line of talk made sense to the other officers, went over in great style at the Kaikosha where Tojo became a favorite.

When, at the age of 44 (1928), Hideki Tojo was appointed commander of the 1st Infantry Regiment in Tokyo, he got his first chance to project some of his ideas into reality. The morning after he had taken over, he breezed into the officers' quarters unannounced. The men were engaged in their morning toilet. Angrily, Tojo inquired why the men did not wash behind their ears. The answer was that there were not enough facilities. Tojo was not satisfied; he decreed two daily scrubbing periods from six to seven a.m. and from six to eight p.m. and installed additional basins. Only a healthy army could discharge the mission that was fixed in Tojo's mind—fight abroad and rule at home. When part of the Tokyo garrison mutinied in February of 1936, occupying strategic points throughout the capital and shooting venerable liberal statesmen, the 1st Infantry Regiment played a prominent role in the revolt.

The month previous to this revolt, the respected member of Parliament, Secretary Shanni Simetsu, gave the following public address in the Diet: "We who oppose the use of war as a means of settling international disputes urge the substitution of reason for might in determining the course of our civilization. So, too, do educational institutions and the masses. If any one ideal could be said to be rare in our military and naval arms, it is probably the use of reason and its application to all problems, social and worldly. There should, then, be a fundamental harmony existing between those of us who oppose war and America. Yet this problem of war and peace, one of the greatest facing civilization, has not been dealt with in any systematic way by our leaders . . ."

The following night this venerable politician was found dead in his room at home by his wife; he had been beheaded, and since evidence of a struggle was lacking, had apparently permitted it without resort to self-defense. Four weeks later at the height of the revolt, Tojo admitted that his were the orders for this particular execution; the reason: among others Simetsu had boldly quoted the words of an enemy, one Tolstoy of Russia, who wrote the unforgettable "War and Peace."

In 1937, Tojo had himself appointed Commander of Gendarmerie Headquarters. As Japan's Himmler, head of a vast organization which carried out arbitrary arrests and specialized in brutal third-degree, he collected some interesting information about people high and low—information which made him respected and feared. So well did Super-Cop Tojo do, that the Kwantung Army in Manchuria sent for him when a new broom was needed for its police affairs.

As chief of the Kwantung Army's police, he had agents in every town, in every hotel, in the bars and the red-light districts from Tsitsihar to Dairen. His secret files grew voluminous, as did his mental notes of men marked down for promotion, punishment or execution. These came in handy when, five months before the China war broke out in 1937, Tojo left the police beat and became the Kwantung Army's Chief of Staff.

One of his most brutal, if outstanding, creations was his Thought Control. It extended throughout the land; it pitted son against father and mother against daughter and friend against friend. No one knew whom to trust. Arrests were

made and torture applied only on the mere belief that "evil thoughts were envisioned against the regime." This system of education was imbedded in the context of their civilization and presented certain aspects by which its nature may be judged. Among its outstanding features were the strings of control over administration; its cruel objectives in the control of instruction of youth; the principles of procedure in the governing of the masses by fear; and the degree of freedom or supervision allowed depending on the extent of "thought-control" that was practiced by the individual.

The life and daily behavior of all peoples, as well as their very thoughts, were brought within the system of regimentation. The declared purpose and program of education and control of all liberty was to incorporate the Japanese masses into an Asiatic monster for military consumption. Its full measure was absorbed by these peoples; what occurred in Germany under the Gestapo and SS Corps was evil; that which the Japanese endured under Tojo's thought control was inhuman, vicious and beyond rational understanding. It proves again what may happen when the people as a whole become stagnant and allow individuals or cliques to take liberties with their laws, their rights, and their very lives.

Back in Tokyo, as Vice Minister of War in 1938, Tojo showed an acute awareness of the role of aviation in modern war. Aerial activities in China had been carried out by the Navy's air arm; Army aviation was in the background. Appointed chief of the Army Air Force, Tojo boarded a large transport plane and went on a seven-day inspection trip of Japanese airports, covering all of Japan proper, Manchukuo (Manchuria) and tropical Taiwan (Formosa). His staff officers, exhausted after the fourth day, fell asleep while he was still asking questions, jotting down penciled notes, and issuing orders. Tojo vastly augmented the air corps, coaxed and goaded heavy industrialists into producing more planes, and created Japan's first parachute units. Tojo himself never touched stick and throttle: he was too old to fly warplanes.

Tojo's bluntness often shocked Jap politicians and statesmen. The day he was appointed War Minister in July of 1940, he issued an unorthodox order to the home forces, exhorting them to stop disagreeing on fundamental issues of politics. "If you cannot argue it out with your company commander, take it to your regiment commander. If you cannot argue it out with your regiment commander, take it up with me directly." A few hours after startled provincial garrisons had received this message, officers and men were summoned to the lecture hall: the War Minister himself wished to address them. Tojo had jumped on a plane to cover the main garrisons in a whirlwind lecture tour.

Tojo well knew the truth of the old adage, "Softly, softly, catchee monkee." He could be patient when blitzkrieg methods were likely to fail. As War Minister he sponsored regular liaison conferences between the civilian government and the military High Command; many delicate problems were thus threshed out. At the same time, Tojo helped undermine the authority of Parliament. When the last political party, the Democrats, announced their harikiri in August, 1940, "to enable the nation to grasp the rare opportunity of national prosperity knocking at its door," Tojo signed an agreement with Premier Konoye and Foreign Minister Matsuoka eliminating the practice of "dual foreign policy." For 10 years Japan's young officers had clamored for a rejuvenation of the army. "His Excellency No Good," was their slogan, meaning that there were too many aged generals and other staff officers exerting a moderating influence on khaki politics.

By National Chaplain
Rev. ROBERT G. KEATING
St. Jude's Rectory, Derby, Conn.

God of Might, Power and Justice, enlighten our minds and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Thy love, that we may use the talents with which Thou has blessed us, to a far greater degree than ever before for our God and our Country. Aid, from on High, O Lord of Wisdom, all those working to keep our nation ahead in the scientific field. May their faith in Thee, the Creator of the Universe, grow and mature along with their knowledge of outer space so that never again may a scientist or member of our armed forces sell themselves and our secrets to Thine enemies and the enemies of all freedom-loving people. May the tragic picture of these few people who deserted this lovely God-blessed land of ours always remind us to keep close to Thee through prayer and sacrifice, and then we shall neither desert Thee or our nation. Amen.

The following March (1941), Tojo informed the Cabinet that he, as War Minister, had decided to carry out sweeping revisions of the imperial ordinance governing the status of army officers and their promotion. From now on, keen and able officers could be rewarded with responsible positions without regard to seniority. The new rule, which went into effect five days after Tojo had told the Cabinet about it, resulted in revitalization of the officers' corps. Japan's Supreme War Council, which was the brains of the army, thenceforth contained no senile members.

Characteristically, Hideki Tojo himself was the first to overrule his own principle. When he had to send out a new man as Supreme Commander of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in China, he decided that all the younger candidates were either too inexperienced or indispensable in their present positions.

He chose 60-year-old Gen. Shonroku Hata as the best man available for a tough job. Hata turned out badly, but Tojo's later military selections—Gen. Yamashita for Malaya and Lt. Gen. Imamura for Java—were brilliant choices.

Tojo wanted to see his nation move forward "as one fiery cannonball of resolution" and liked to talk about "putting the national policy into execution with an iron will." He hated the trappings of democracy and had long agitated for a return to that vicious brand of totalitarianism which characterized the Japanese system for centuries prior to Adm. Perry's arrival in 1853. He had long been an active member of the notorious Black Dragon Society—a noisy crowd composed of fascists, criminals and mountebanks, specializing in political assassination and, later, brotherly love for Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

Tojo never relaxed on duty. In parliamentary sessions, which he was compelled to attend as a Cabinet member, he sat at attention between Foreign Minister Matsuoka—who scratched his nose, coughed, and rested his elbows on the desk—and Home Minister Hiranuma, who kept rubbing his chin. During his off-hours, however, Razor Tojo was a gay blade. He enjoyed parties in the back rooms of the more exclusive restaurants down by the bank of the Sumida River. The general then removed his tunic (his boots, of course, were checked at the gate) and squatted on the matted floor, the fly of his trousers unzipped to facilitate breathing, exchanging sake cups with his convivial friends, telling smutty anecdotes, and making faces at the pretty geisha girls. He liked movies but was especially fond of Kabuki, the classical drama in which heavily-armored knights—the panzer divisions of the feudal ages—clashed on

the huge open stage. In less turbulent days, he did not mind watching such spectacles for eight hours straight, without food, water, or rest.

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Like most educated adults in Japan, Tojo composed classical (telegram-style) poems. He had three hobbies, all of them a hundred percent Japanese: taking snapshots in a general or candid manner, collecting swords, and raising a large family. His photography was mediocre; his sword collection included some fine specimens of the Tokugawa period.

Tojo had seven children (two are deceased) and two grandchildren, at that time. Reports from Japan now estimate his grandchildren as six boys and nine girls. His oldest son, Hidetaka, having got away with unorthodox disregard for the family's military tradition, now works for the Oryokko Electric Power Co. in Keijo, Korea. The Tojo family owns a large Japanese-style house in Setagaya, a green suburb southwest of Tokyo. The younger children stayed there—as do the grandchildren today—because it is nearer to the big-city schools. Mrs. Tojo, who lived with her husband on the War Department compound, also shared with him the stiff and gloomy Premier's residence. As the Army's first lady, she was in the habit of visiting the homes of bereaved families, bringing the widows of soldiers neatly wrapped gifts of incense sticks which they burn before the family shrine.

Tojo liked to chat with, drink with, and ride with younger officers. While at his desk in the War Department, he went to the canteen during the lunch rush hour for a 50-sen box lunch and munched it standing up, talking with the staff officers. Riding was Tojo's only exercise. During the war he owned two very fine steeds, which he kept in the stables which were part of his official residence in the War Department. Each morning before breakfast, his favorite horse, Kokuami, was brought to his residence, and he trotted through the silent streets for half an hour.

The morning meal, which he took with Katsu, his wife, consisted of *miso-shiru* (soybean soup), *tofu* (diced bean curds) and *nori* (dried seaweed in sheets). He was at his desk at nine o'clock sharp, attending to his mail and receiving reports. Cabinet meetings were held on Tuesdays and Fridays. At a full Cabinet meeting held in January of 1941, he served his colleagues the highly unpalatable "emergency lunch," devised for front-line soldiers in advanced positions (similar to our American "C" rations but less appetizing): a brick of compressed dried food with vitamins but very little flavor. Tojo explained that an occasional hardtack was apt to make the Cabinet members appreciate the hardships endured by front-line soldiers!

Late in the afternoons, when the departments had closed, Tojo read Japanese papers and magazines for an hour; he also avidly scanned all Jap editions of leading American newspapers and news magazines. He then took a hot bath, soaping and scrubbing before submerging to the chin in the bath-barrel of 130-degree water. He dined in a comfortable kimono, and liked to have several army men as dinner guests. The widely known fact that there was always plenty of food and good hot sake (hot rice liquor) on Tojo's board made such invitations extremely popular and a sought-after privilege.

It was as an administrator rather than as a soldier that Tojo faced Japan's Congress which convened in special session on Nov. 15, 1941. Taking public cognizance of his nickname, Razor Tojo said to the Honorable Morning Coats: "I am the blade and the eyes of the weapon used in this struggle; you are the body and the brains, and the blade cannot be wielded effectively without you."

To assure effective blade swishing, Congress passed fantastic new appropriations, introduced crushing new taxes designed to "lower the standard of living of the people as much as possible in order to divert surplus capital to industrial production," forced a member who had warned against an optimistic view of the nation's economy to resign his seat, and approved revisions of the conscription law that all men between 20 and 30 who had been previously rejected because of physical defects were to be re-examined for drafting.

While Hideki Tojo told the House, "I have no intention to dictate to you," the Honorable Morning Coats set an all-time parliamentary speed record, approving the Razor's 13 bills without debate, and hurrying home—eagerly demonstrating that they, too, could be little Tojos.

Then the War Minister prepared for all-out war. "Nations," he philosophized, "are never stationary—they must necessarily expand or shrink, according to their vitality or decrepitude. Japan now is culminating; and by the fatal law in question it is possible that her statesmen should not long since have entered with extraordinary foresight, upon a vast policy of conquest—the game in which our first moves were wars with Russia and China and our treaty with England, and of which the final objective is the capture of the Philippines, the Hawaiian Islands, Alaska, and the whole North American coast west of the Sierra Passes. This will give Japan what her ineluctable vocation as a state absolutely forces her to claim: the entire Pacific Ocean and its bordering land masses.

"To oppose these designs the Americans have nothing but conceit, ignorance, commercialism, corruption and feminism."

Tojo made a minute technical comparison of the military strength which we at that time could wield in opposition to the military might of Japan. He concluded that the islands, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Lower California would fall almost without resistance; that San Francisco must surrender in a fortnight to Japanese invasion; that in three or four months the war would be over, and our Republic, unable to regain what it had heedlessly neglected to protect sufficiently, would then "disintegrate," until perhaps some

"It was just a drop in the bucket, but she's so proud!"

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Caesar should arise to mold us again into a nation.

It was Hideki Kamisori Tojo who repulsed Adm. Yamamoto's spearhead for talk and big plans for "a treaty of peace with the Americans in conquered Washington, D. C." This type of talk was not part of Tojo's agenda, though even he thought and worked big.

His plan for the Pacific and North America was a dismal forecast indeed! Yet not implausible if the mentality of the Japanese statemen had been of the Caesarian type of which history created many examples, and which is all that Tojo seemed able to imagine. There was no reason whatsoever, in the Razor's mind, to believe that women—Occidental *or* Oriental—could no longer be mothers of Napoleonic or Alexandrian warriors, and if such existed in Japan and grasped their opportunity, just such surprises as "The Valor of Ignorance" paints might lurk in ambush for us. Ignorant as we were of the innermost recesses of Japanese mentality, we were foolhardy to disregard such possibilities.

It would be preposterous—and it was in 1941—if the only force that could work ideals of honor and standards of efficiency into American natures should be the fear of capture or death by armed Japanese invaders. Is the amount of change in public opinion, which our utopia postulated, vastly less than the difference between the mentality of those natives who pursued Stanley's party on the Congo with their cannibal war cry of "Meat! Meat!" and that of the General Staff of any civilized country?

December of 1941 arrived. Secrecy was an all-pervading mist within and without the Japanese Empire. Great and terrible things were to be demanded of Army, Navy, Air Force and citizen. A powerful but sleeping behemoth was to be attacked, invaded and conquered.

The stage was now set for the "great emergency" to which Tojo and other like-minded Japs had been looking forward with keen anticipation: War with the United States. Over the antennae of the huge wireless station to the Navy Department in Tokyo came word from aircraft carriers far out in the Pacific: they had arrived at their destination.

At the very moment when Peace Envoy Kurusu and Ambassador Nomura were enjoying their final audience with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, the Razor was at our throats. THE END

"Sound off!"

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punch holes in both ends of cans being discarded, to make them sink. I am a Boy Scout, and we have been taught that throwing of cans in a river, pond or other body of water is poor practice for two reasons. Someone walking barefoot in the water may cut his feet, and fish sometimes swim into cans and can't get out. The best way is to save your cans until you get to the mainland.

Tim Flint
Janesville, Wisc.

WHO CARES?

Sir: If an individual worried as much about the good opinion of neighbors as our people in the Administration do, he'd be considered a candidate for psychiatric treatment. As an example of what I mean, I read a newspaper headline not long ago which said: "Prestige of U.S. in India declines." But then the story gave the cheering news that since the U.S. planned to give Nehru another billion dollars we might expect to find our prestige climbing once again. Personally, I don't give a hoot in hell what any panhandler or sponger thinks of me when I refuse to cross his palm with silver. The same goes for the mooching nations who look to the U.S. taxpayer for billions and who are willing to cut his throat if he doesn't come through.

G. R. Smith
Greenwich, Conn.

LATTER-DAY WITCH

Sir: I read where one of the characters recently questioned by the House Un-American Activities Committee said he was a descendant of someone who had been burned at the stake in Salem in 1692. In view of this fellow's actions and the fact that sworn statements identified him as a commie, I'm beginning to get second thoughts about Salem witch trials. Seems to me that the only trouble with them was they didn't get around to disposing of some of those early witches quite soon enough.

Name Withheld
Hazelton, Pa.

CALL FOR ARMS

Sir: Viewing TV on September 4, 1961, I saw a showing of Englishmen surrendering their personal firearms to the police. The government had requested that citizens turn in their weapons. I can remember when England was under threat of invasion and had no guns for its citizens. A call was sent to America for weapons. We responded. The writer sent two rifles and ammunition. Now Britain is taking up the weapons from its citizens. Who is back of this movement? In order to conquer a nation, it first becomes necessary to soften it and to take up the arms of the people. Let us not be taken in by the cries of those among us who would restrict or confiscate the weapons owned by our citizens. Too often we have followed the pattern of the British.

Dorrell G. Dickerson, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Los Angeles 15, Calif.

LOUD TALK

Sir: Talk loudly and wield a little finger. That seems to be our posture in world affairs these days. There was much courageous talk about Laos. Don't step across that line, buddy. We weren't going to take any nonsense from the bum Castro. Red China was going to be kept in its place, outside the United Nations. And if Khrushchev thought we were going to give up one iota of our treaty rights, he didn't know who he was dealing with. But, in view of the way he clicked his heels in the air after his little summit session, maybe he did know. But anyway, we're not letting the Dominican Republic get away with anything. No country which once had a dictator at the head of it is going to pull any funny stuff with hard-boiled Uncle Sam. We've got principles.

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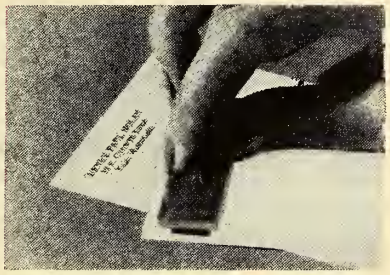

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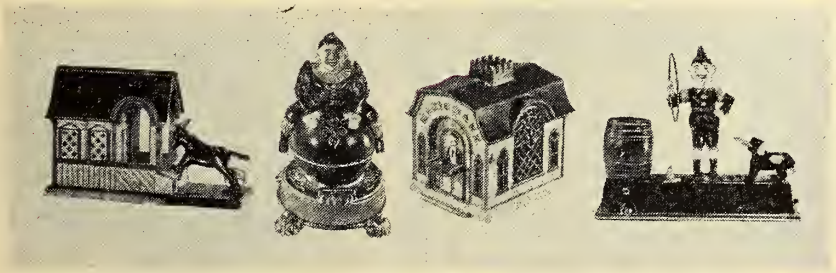

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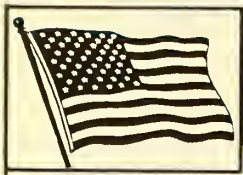

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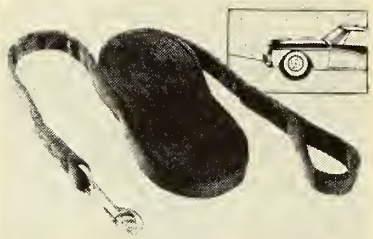

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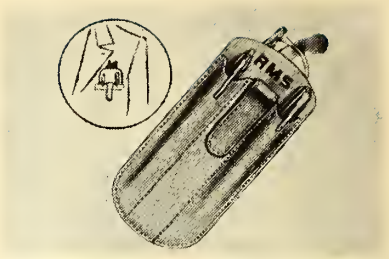

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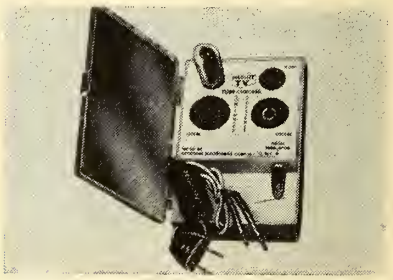

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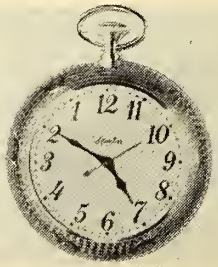

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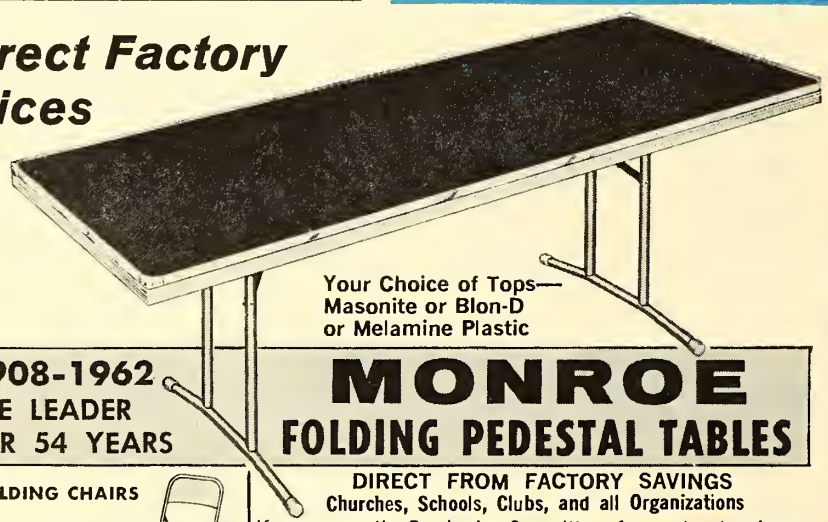

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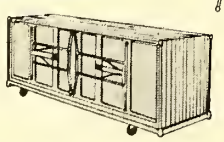

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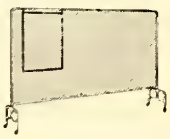

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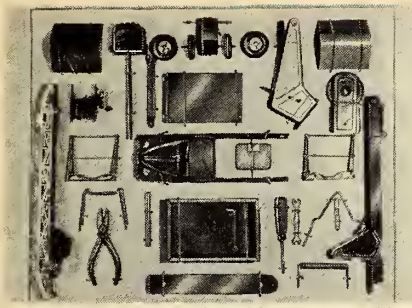

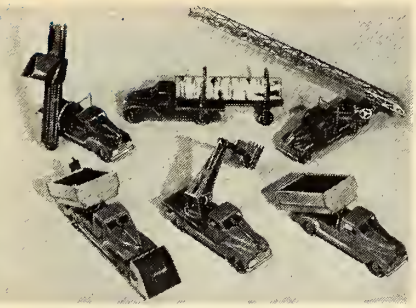

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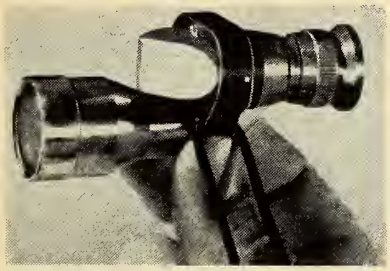

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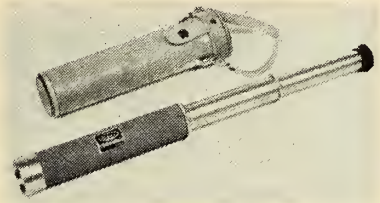

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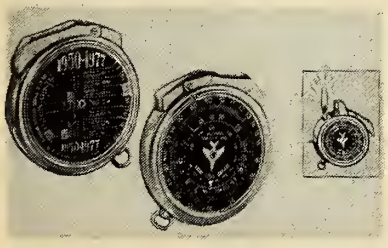

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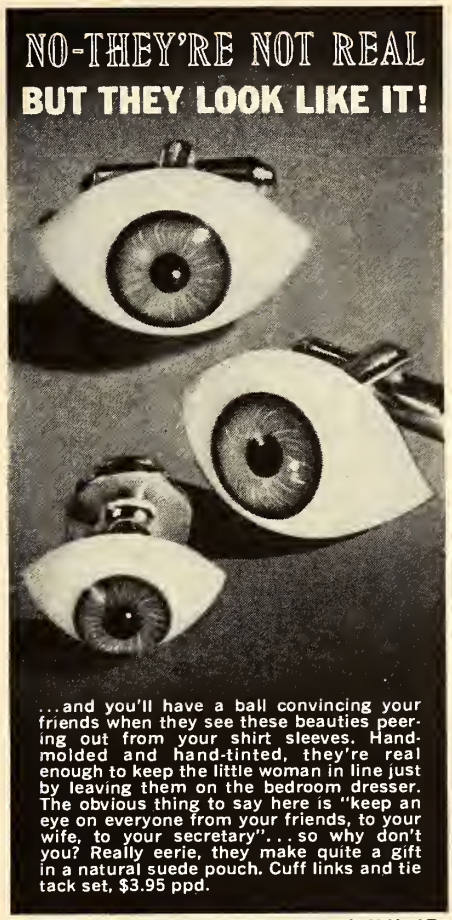

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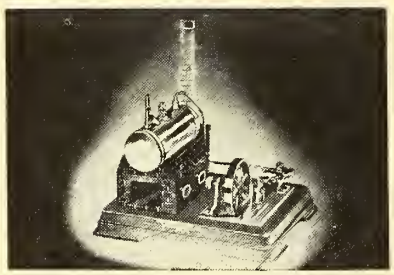

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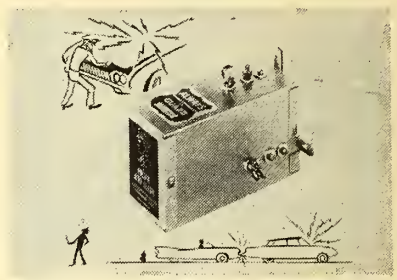

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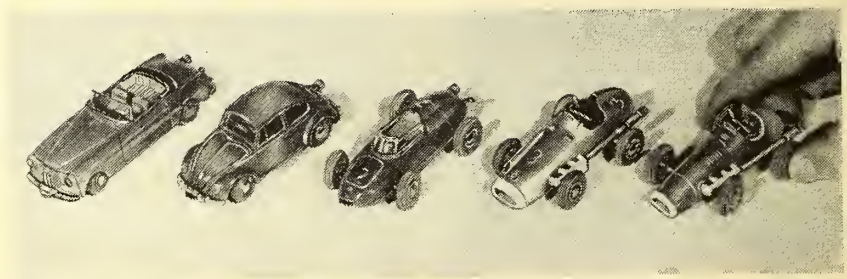

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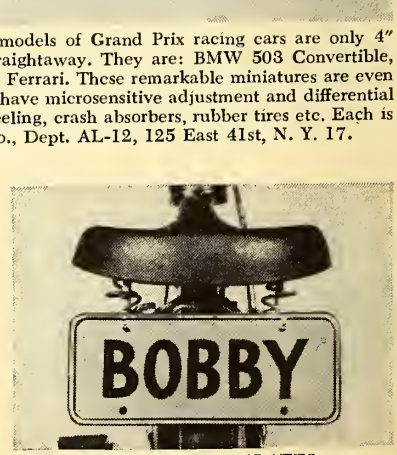

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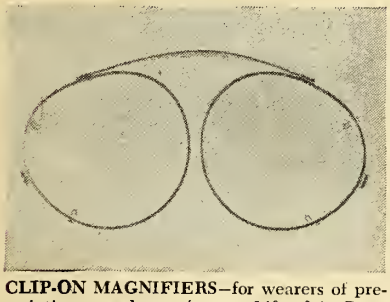

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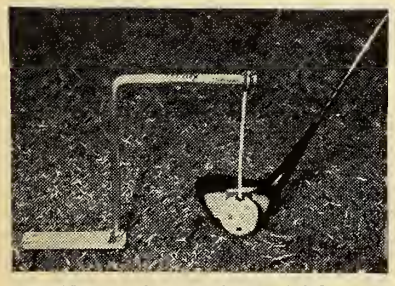

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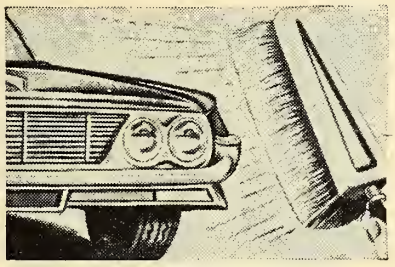

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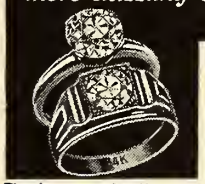

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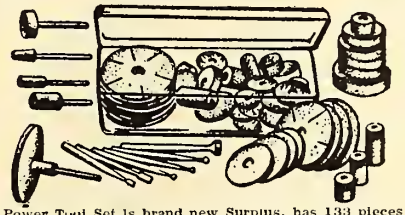

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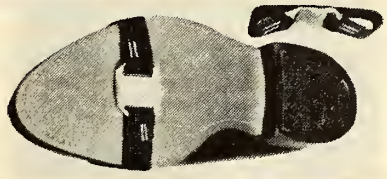

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"Separate checks."

Just Move On, Time

Forward, turn forward, O Time, in your flight!
For I sat in with some children last night;
Their chatter of fission, fusion, combustion, propulsion, robots, outer space, galaxies, et cetera, et cetera, left me numb.
Would I be a child again? No, I'm too dumb.
— Herbert Joseph Mangham

Self Conscions

Then there's the fellow who's so conceited, he joined the Navy so the world could see him.
— F. G. Kernan

Medicine Cabinet

A crammed and jammed receptacle,
Which always has a lot
Of remedies for everything,
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— David O. Flynn

The People Who Corner Me At Parties

Small talk is something I wish they'd eschew
On account of it
Seems that the "small" has no reference to
The amount of it. — Hal Chadwick

The Receiving End

A man gets exuberant over a raise in pay, while his wife will keep calm and collect it.
— Joseph Torcaso

Sweet Deceit

When dressed for guests, my wife looks thin
Although she's really stout;
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Bill's a true friend who never would
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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
With wit Tom's conversation glistens
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For These Kind Words—
Though Jeanne's not too sincere a gal,
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Pass the Corn, Please.
In taste Pete is my pal and brother,
Who can't tell one wine from another,
And thinks French cooking, sauced with spices,
Can't justify its fame—or prices.
— Jeff Matthews

Keep Your Eyes Open

A pedestrian who doesn't look sharp may soon look flat.
— L. G. Tennyson

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You can't expect to eat your cake
And have your slender figure;
Forego the extras with your steak
And folks won't say how big you're.
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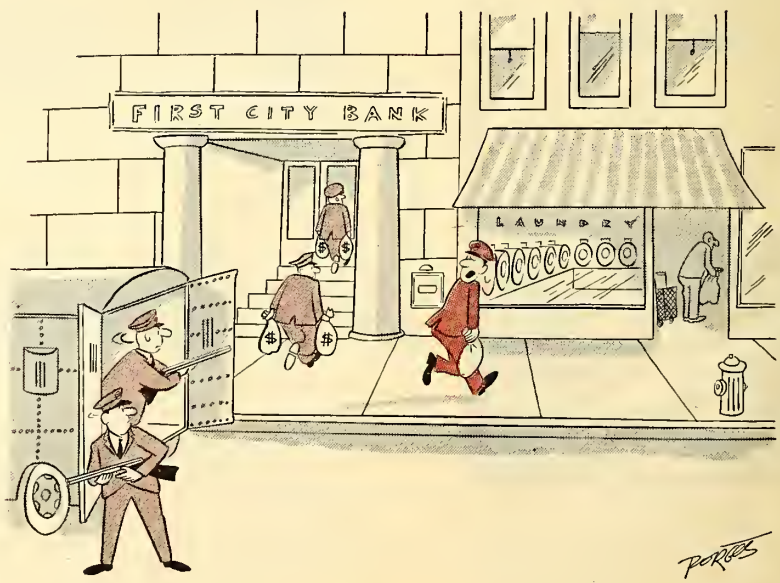

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